

Religion On Stamps This Week

Austrian Five Herald Freiheit

Examples of post World War II construction are used for the design subjects of a set of five Austria is issuing to note the 10th anniversary of the liberation of the nation from the German occupation.



According to the Austrian Postal Administration the set was placed on sale April 22 and becomes valid for postage fees on April 27. It was on the latter date in 1945 that the liberation became a fact.

Seen on the 70 groschen red violet is the Parliament Building in Vienna. The new Western Railroad Station in Vienna is pictured on the 1 Schilling steel blue.

A symbolic presentation is made on the 1.45S scarlet by using the word "Freiheit" (Liberty) to form the Austrian flag.

A public housing project in Vienna, the "Per Albin Hansson" settlement appears on the 1.50S deep brown. The 2.40S green depicts the Limberg Dam of the Taern Power Works.

A. Chmielowski designed all but the 1.45S which was the work of Ferdinand Lorber. Vignettes of the 70g and 1.50S were engraved by Georg Wimmer; of the 1S and 2.40S by Ferdinand Lorber; of the 1.45S by R. Toth. The frames, coat of arms and inscriptions were engraved by Maria Olinowetz.

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Mix Equal Parts Bible And Geography, Add Pertinent Stamps, Learn About World

Lawrence E. Nelson

Philatelists interested in geographic aspects of Biblical influence have a wider range of possible activity than is commonly realized.

They may of course restrict themselves to the stamps of Palestine and Israel, with perhaps Lebanon and Transjordan thrown in for good measure. Because of the activities of Barnabas, Paul, Peter and their successors they may add Cyprus, Malta, Greece, the Roman States, Italy and Vatican City.

Even so they are touching but a narrow segment of the field.

They may well add the stamps of Ethiopia, whose rulers, traditionally descended from that well publicized visit of the Queen of Sheba to King Solomon, proudly describe themselves as the "Power of the Trinity, King of Kings, Elect of God, Conquering Lion of Judah."

So convinced of the efficiency of the Bible was King Menelik that he always ate a page or two when ill or depressed. In 1913 he reportedly ate the entire Book of Kings, and died therefrom.

For centuries pagan worshippers came to Heligoland off the coast of Germany, the "Holy Land" (as its name indicates) of the ancient Danes, with its temples to the son of Balder, and to the mighty goddess Hertha. In the seventh century came St.

Willibrord, overthrowing pagan temples and making it a Holy Isle for Christianity.

Columbus, whose name meant Christ Bearing Dove, is a good example of the way European explorers gave Biblical labels to the land they found. Friday morning, August 2, 1492, he went aboard the *Santa Maria* (Holy Mary) and "in the name of Jesus," sailed west, accompanied by the *Santa Clara*, nicknamed the *Nina*, and the *Painted Lady* (Pinta), which may or may not have been reminiscent of Mary Magdalen.

His first discovered island he named *San Salvador*, for the Saviour in whose name he had sailed. His next honored the Immaculate Conception, *Santa Maria de la Concepcion*. We now call (Continued on page 14)

A Popular Topical Subject Pursued By Collectors Of Religion On Stamps Society

Waller A. Sager

Topical collecting is a comparatively recent development in the field of philately. It was only about thirty years ago that a few scattered collectors became aware of the fact that they had learned just about all they could from their stamps from the standpoint of perforations and watermarks, plate flaws and paper varieties, uses and abnormalities. So, in desperation, they turned their stamps over and discovered to their amazement that there were pictures on them! A little more study showed that these pictures, or designs, could be segregated and classified into groups, and thus topical collecting was born.

It is not known definitely where or by whom the first topical collections were formed but it is certain that among the earliest topicals to be collected was Religion on Stamps. Today Religion is one of the most popular of all. It is also one of the largest from the standpoint of the number of stamps concerned.

It has been estimated that there are around six thousand stamps with religious significance of some sort. A more realistic estimate would probably be closer to 10,000. New stamps are being issued every day and older ones which have been overlooked are having their religious significance uncovered regularly by devoted specialists in this field.

Not only does religion offer us a huge group of topical stamps, but it is also the most "philatelically potential" of all of them. Aside from the interest engendered in almost everyone when religion is mentioned, collectors of all types of philatelic material will find collections in their own best-loved fields among the Collectors of Religion on Stamps.

First of all, the rigid topicalist who collects only stamps where the theme is outstanding will have no trouble in the field of religion. Large collections of Bible, Christ, Churches, Madonnas, Clergymen, Angels, Crosses, etc., are easy to form, all with the topical theme most evident. Carrying it further is easy, too. There are literally hundreds of stamps showing churches, for instance, as a very small part of their design, remote and obscure from the main figure on the stamp. An example which comes to mind is France Scott type A230, showing Rabelais' Gargantua as the main design. The Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris can also be seen in the background to the extreme right. (Continued on page 16)

Eiffel Tower Used As Television Aerial

The Eiffel Tower in Paris was certainly never even remotely considered by its builders as a topnotch place for a TV broadcasting aerial but that's just how this world-famed attraction is being used, at least in the design of a stamp France released this month.

When originally released the design was overcrowded. Now much of the cluttered background and the TV set formerly in the right hand corner have been eliminated. The denomination still remains 15fr.

Gimbels Stamp Department, which sent the information above, further advise that Brazil issued a 60c green commem April 13 for the Third Brazilian Aeronautical Congress. In the design is to be seen a jet plane and a partial view of the Bay of Guanahara.

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Religious Topics On U. S. Stamps

(Scott Catalogue Types)

A71-1c Columbian - Dominican Friar behind Columbus.

A72-2c Columbian - Priest and Cross.

A77-8c Columbian - Foot of the Madonna, in painting in background.

A78-10c Columbian - A Dominican Friar, an Archbishop, a Franciscan Friar, a Cardinal and King (St.) Ferdinand.

A79-15c Columbian - Franciscan Friar directly behind Columbus.

A80-30c Columbian - Franciscan Friars.

A100-1c Trans-Mississippi - Father Marquette.

A147-10c Panama-Pacific - Fathers Crespi and Gomez with cross.

A151-3-Pilgrim Issue.

A153-5c Pilgrim - Woman reading Bible and woman praying.

178-80 - Huguenot-Walloon Issue - Word "Huguenot".

A188-Liberty Bell - Inscribed with quotation from Leviticus 25:10, "Proclaim Liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof".

A189-Ericsson Issue - Cross.

A193-Washington at Prayer.

A201-Mass. Bay Colony - Quotation from Acts 16:9, "Come over . . . and help us".

A208-Red Cross Issue-Greek Cross.

A227-William Penn - Quaker leader.

A236-Maryland Issue - reminder of the Catholic settlement of Maryland - first colony to grant freedom of religion.

A246-8c National Park-Word "Zion".

A253-The Alamo.

A254-Roger Williams - Baptist leader.

A262-Protestant Chapel at West Point.

A268-Manasseh Cutler - Congregationalist Minister.

A313-Washington taking the oath of office on a Bible.

A314-Baseball issue - Church spire in the background.

A320-Ralph Waldo Emerson - Unitarian minister.

A329-Mark Hopkins - President, American Board of Foreign Missions.

A357-Coronado Issue - Father Marcos de Nizza.

A367-1c Win the War - Word "Religion".

A368-Norwegian Flag-Cross.

A368-Greek Flag-Cross.

A368-Danish Flag-Cross.

A371-Korean Flag-Yin Yang.

A371-Telegraph Issue - Quotation from Numbers 23:23, "What hath God wrought".

A374-Florida issue - In God is our trust.

A380-5c Roosevelt - Word "Religion".

A397-Utah Issue - Mormons and quotation from Brigham Young.

A403-Four Chaplains.

A411-Oregon Issue - Jason

Lee, Methodist minister.

A423-Fort Bliss - Church.

A447-Priest beside explorer Cadillac.

A448-Colorado Statehood - Mount of the Holy Cross.

A461-Gutenberg Bible Issue.

A462-Newsboys issue-Church spire left background.

A463-Red Cross - Cross.

A469-Lawyer's Issue - Allegorical Figure of Divine Inspiration.

A474-New York Anniversary - Church of the Fort of New Amsterdam.

A481, 486-3c and 8c regular issue - In God We Trust.

PP8-20c Parcel Post-Church spire.

Suggestion Makes Happier Homes

An editorial of general interest was carried in the "Apples From The Apple Tree", house organ of Earl P. L. Apfelbaum, 1416 S. Penn Sq., Philadelphia 2, Pa., April edition. It carries some suggestions which should be in effect in every home where there are stamp collectors. It reads:

Too often we hear, "Don't send my stamps to my home, my wife doesn't understand." That there should be some antagonism on the part of a wife to a man spending more than he can afford on a pleasure like stamp collecting is readily understandable. However, it is difficult to understand why a man's home isn't the place that his wife would want him to enjoy his hobbies. Happy marriages are based on tolerance, generosity and trust.

Members of the stamp trade know that they cannot hold as collectors those who permit their enthusiasm to run away with them and as a result spend more money and time than they can afford on collecting. It isn't long before debts, neglect of work and domestic difficulties cause these people to give up stamps completely as their only salvation.

Moderation is desirable in everything. Stamp collecting is no different. When you dig into the rent money for stamps you are wrong. When you stop taking your wife to the social activities she requires, you are wrong. So, too, is the wife wrong if she objects to the pleasure, relaxation, and other benefits that a good hobby can give you. Tolerance and participation in one another's likes is the only way to be happily married.

APS Annual New Member Campaign On

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Brett Receives Hopkinson Award

Sol Glass, President of the Bureau Issues Association presented a check for \$100.00 to George W. Brett of Washington, D. C., at a recent meeting of the Washington Philatelic Society, B.I.A. Life Chapter No. 10, following a dinner at the Arts Club in that city. Mr. Brett was adjudged the winner of the Walter W. Hopkinson Memorial Award for 1954 for having authored the best article published in the "Bureau Specialist" last year, in the opinion of the special committee appointed by president Glass to make the selection.

The prize winning article was entitled "The 8c Bi-color, 1954 Series of Ordinaries" and the "addenda" which followed.

Mr. Brett is vice president of the Bureau Issues Association and its Washington representative. He is a foremost authority on the manufacture and production of 20th century United States stamps.

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Greek Royalty On New Regulars

Former kings and queens of Greece will grace the designs of a new definitive series that nation will have in its post offices in the early days of 1956. P. J. Drossos, 1 St. Denys Place, Athens, Greece advises that it will probably contain twelve stamps. On April 1 foreign postage rates were increased with the result that several of the values of the Ancient Arts regulars are to be reissued and two new denominations added. The new ones are 3 and 3.50 drachmas. (The three 000's have been done away with on the new ones).

It seems possible Mr. Drossos states that the colors of the original series will be changed and that some of the designs will be changed to other values. There will be eight stamps in the reissued set. For the World Congress of the Pythagorean Organizations to be held this summer in Greece there will be one or more commems, but the stamps might not appear until the year's end. Expected are three with designs showing Pythagoras from an ancient coin and a map of the Island of Samos where the Pythagorean school of philosophy was founded in 545 B.C.

A single special stamp is probable to note the 50th anniversary of Rotary International. Denomination and release date have not been decided.

The NATO airmail set of three was withdrawn from sale on January 31 and made non-usable to prepay postage fees. The remainders were destroyed.

The same fate came to the Cyprus Union issue which ceased to have postage franking value when withdrawn from sale March 31. Some of the values had already been sold out due to the heavy overseas demand. The remainders were destroyed.

Norway Officials In New Designs

When the present stock of Norway's Official stamps are exhausted there will come into being a new series with a new design. The current lot have the letters "O" and "S" in the two top corners, the coat of arms of the nation, and the figures of value at the bottom.

One change in the new ones will be the use of "Off. Sak." (Offentlig Sak) in place of the O. S. Johannes Haukland is the designer of the forthcoming series.

Printing will be in sheets of 100 on unwatermarked paper by photogravure at the firm of Emil Moestue A/S of Oslo. No first day of issue will be made officially.

Arbor Day Pair From Formosa

Rather rich fare came from the Nationalist Chinese Postal Administration for the world's stamp collectors in the form of a set of two commemoratives for the annual Arbor Day celebration. They were released March 12 without any public announcement by postal officials.



The \$20 red pictures a hand planting a seedling tree and has a dam spillway in the background. The \$50 light blue and dark blue has a tree superimposed on the Island of Formosa for a vignette while around the frame are all kinds of plants.

According to the Rev. Michael J. O'Connor the \$50 (\$2 U. S.) is the first of its denomination from Formosa.

Music Festival Set From Czechoslovakia

On April 20 Czechoslovakia released the third part of its postage due series the new values being 5, 10, 50, 60h and 1.20, 1.60 and 5Kcs.

May 5 is the day four commems will be issued to note the tenth anniversary of the nation's "Liberation". These are to be 30, 35, 50 and 60 haleru. Then on May 19 will come a pair for the Third Trade Union Congress of 30 and 45h value.

Two commems are also to appear at an as yet unannounced date for the International Music Festival at Prague this summer.

Last Trip For Massachusetts HPO

Announcement of the last trip of Highway Post Office Service on the Boston and Orleans, Mass. HPO was too sudden for many readers to obtain last trip covers. The final run is scheduled for April 24, according to the National HPO Society.

Those who can possibly make the date should send their covers, prepared with a name and address, 3c stamp and a stuffer, to the "Clerk in Charge on Duty Last Trip, Boston & Orleans HPO, Boston, Mass., or Orleans, Mass."

Service was originally inaugurated on this route November 14, 1950.

Have Cachet For Battle Of Revolution

June 23 marks the 175th Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield (N.J.) during the Revolutionary War for independence.

In commemoration of this battle, the Post Office Department has placed a special postmark die in use at Springfield, N. J. which reads: "175TH ANNIVERSARY - BATTLE OF SPRINGFIELD - JUNE 23, 1780."

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Panama News

Latest information we have is a clipping from a Panama newspaper in which the writer of an article exposes the graft that is contemplated with this issue of stamps. From still another source we have some comment which we might best publish, just as it comes, and let you judge for yourself.

"The Popes stamps of Panama were supposed to have come out March the 2nd—the real lowdown on these I got straight from an authority—the deal for the release of these stamps was made with the assassinated president. The new authorities knowing the expense of the stamp printing was already paid for and the Corporation that was formed stood to lose everything unless the stamps were accepted, the Panamanian government is holding out for the lion's share of the profits—eventually they will be released because the U.S. firm that has sponsored the Popes will let them go just to break even if need be—you can count on that—the stamps are all printed and being held by the Panama Bank. There is little else the Printing firm there in the U. S. can do—take whatever they are offered and get out—I'll bet you this will be a lesson to U. S. firms—making deals with these unstable Latin American governments is like making a business deal with a juvenile.
"There is another shady deal on the Panama Rotary stamps—only 15,000 of the dollar value was printed—the plates destroyed then only a small percentage of them were put on sale for but three days—only 1000 were issued on this side of the Isthmus and most of these were bought up by one person—though I did not learn who this was I can guess the stamp has been cornered. The 6c and 21c value is still to be found but the dollar has been missing since the third day of issue. You can bet this—those people who collect this sort of material are going to pay through the nose for the Panama Rotary set complete."

Denmark Flag Color Variety

Mr. M. J. Rumpf of Cambridge, Wis. submits an interesting name block of the Denmark Flag stamp. The "DENMARK" in the corner margin is definitely of a very brownish color. On examination it is also noted that the flag pole is also in this same color. Mr. Rumpf states that he found several such blocks.

Examination of several blocks of various flag stamps leads to the following finding. I have noted some others of the flag stamps along with some copies of the Denmark stamp which show the flag pole in a decidedly brownish color while other stamps of various of the flags are in an intense black, some also not of such intense black color.

It should be noted that on these stamps the name in the upper right corner and the flag pole, plus such shading as there is in the flags of the various countries, is the only black print on the stamps.

While I can not enthuse too much over this item it is of interest to note that other stamps than the Denmark show brownish instead of black, and that the black on the various stamps seems to run from a thin grayish to an intense.

These facts might be of interest to collectors who go for shades and if you have any number of flags I feel certain that you will find little difficulty in finding some of the brownish shade if carefully examined.

I would believe that these freaks come from a change of ink on the press where a red had been washed off and a black ink put on in place and the red had not been fully cleaned from the rollers of the press.



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May 26—Adelphi Stamp & Coin Co., 902 Filbert St., Philadelphia 7, Pa. U. S. & Poss., Proofs, Brit. Colonies, General.

May 28—Stampazine, 315 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. United States, British Colonials, General and Covers.

May 28—The Stamp Shack, 1008 Alma St., Menlo Park, Calif. United States, Brit. Colonies, General, Covers, Collections.

June 1, 2—F. B. Ferrymaa, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y. United States, General Foreign and Specialties.

Illinois Collectors Invited To Macomb

On May 11 the Lamoine Valley Stamp Club of Macomb, Ill. will have an open house to which invitations are extended to all clubs and stamp collectors of the area.

The session will get under way at 7:30 p.m., Room A24 of the Arts Bldg., on the campus of Western Illinois State College. As a feature a prominent speaker, yet to be named, has been chosen to make the principal talk.

Marguerite Harmon President Of J-A P.S.

Mrs. Marguerite Harmon is the new president of the Japanese-American Philatelic Society, an international group which specializes in the stamps and other philatelic material of Japan, Korea and the Ryukyus. Mrs. Harmon is a resident of Oakland, Calif.

Keijiro Takiguchi was elected vice president; Tad Fujita, 1631 Eighth St., Berkeley 2, Calif. remains as the club's secretary-treasurer. Mr. Fujita is also the editor of the society bulletin, the Postal Bell.

Further information about the group can be obtained from the secretary.

Roosevelt "Fall Classic" In October

The annual "Fall Classic" of the Roosevelt Philatelic Society of Chicago has been scheduled for October 15 and 16. The spacious accommodations of the Southmoor Hotel will house the exhibition and bourse.

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1955 STAMP PROGRAM
May 21 — Armed Forces Reserve 3c, Washington, D. C. 750 per pane, 110 million).
Soo Locks Centennial (probably a 3c, with a first day at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. June 18).
ALREADY ISSUED
1064—Art Museum 3c, Philadelphia, Pa. January 15.
1065—Land Grant Colleges 3c, East Lansing, Mich.
1066—Rotary 8c, Chicago, Ill. February 23.

UNITED NATIONS
May 11—UNESCO commem. Oct. 24—UN Day commem. Dec. 9—Human Rights commem.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors can send a reasonable quantity, each with a name and address, and enclosing a sticker to the Postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for FD Service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed. For UN and Canadian first days, watch the news stories on these and follow instructions.

Yam will use photo-litho for the printing which will be in green, black and yellow and in sheets of 20 subjects with five tabs adjacent to the bottom row.

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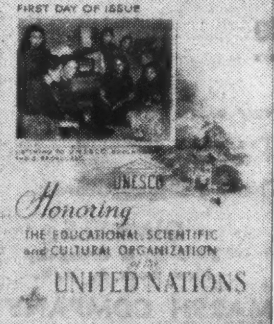
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BY CARL P. RUETH

Was rather intrigued with the wordage of a writer in a contemporary publication relative to the reasons and methods of awarding the prizes at exhibitions. He is a dealer in United States with many rare pieces in stock both on and off cover, he personally has one of the world's finest collections of U. S., and there is no question about his being an accomplished philatelist.

But I would not want him to be the judge of any philatelic exhibition in which I had an entry, or over which I had jurisdiction. It isn't that he wouldn't be honest as he understands philatelic honesty; but his approach to the hobby couldn't possibly ever be fair to the better than average stamp collector and his display.

As I infer from what he has written, unless the material in an exhibit hasn't cost several thousand dollars, or isn't some god-forsaken specialty or obsolete country, then it should be dirt in the eyes of the judges.

This attitude is held by a majority of those who are in the upper echelons of philately (not stamp collecting). As it concerns their own type of interests among themselves they are entitled to this obsession. But that viewpoint is not acceptable to the tremendous majority who collect for pleasure, rather than a display of wealth, or the results of scientific research.

On several previous occasions it has been suggested here that the larger exhibitions set aside a special section or room where these specialized displays with no popular appeal be confined. Let them compete among themselves for a prize or prizes, with their own rules.

This is just a matter of separating the philatelic exhibits from the stamp collecting ones, and judging them on their own peculiar merits.

Philately and stamp collecting are altogether two different things although most people would lump them as one unit. The former consists of a scientific and studious approach to all elements of postal matters. The latter has as its great attraction the pleasure to the participant in the seeing and owning of the stamp and covers themselves — and of course there is some study involved but most of that can be used generally in our everyday life.

There isn't any set of judging rules which can be arranged which can do justice to either. I think the time is past due when exhibition chairmen and their committees arrange for two separate sections as outlined.

In the judging I have done I have seen stamp collecting displays which far outshine any of the philatelic ones, and the opposite has also been true. However, when the competition is tough, it would have been fairer to both the judges and the entrants if stamp collecting and philately had been separate with their own schedule of scoring points.

Both sides have their equities. The students keep the lamps of knowledge burning; the stamp collector through his pocketbook keeps the whole business on a respectable and solvent basis.

1. The first 1/2c stamp came with the 1922-25 issue. Name all the persons who have appeared in the designs of 1/2c values.

2. The 1/2c denomination also came into being this same time. Name all who have appeared on 1/2c stamps.

Man in Washington, D. C. writes, "After reading your remarks about the 'Great Stone Face', which I am not interested in, I am wondering if you will blow your top if a stamp is proposed showing the home of George Washington, Mount Vernon?"

In the first place, there is no top-blowing in this department. Things which I believe are unworthy, without merit, and an affront to the hobby I write against — straight from the shoulder. I have admitted any errors, and the people who think opposite to myself have been given a chance to air their views here if presented intelligently.

Secondly, Mount Vernon has appeared prominently in the design of a stamp, the 1c value of the Army set of 1936-37.

So there!

To those of you who have asked, the first day of the Soo

Locks stamp has not been announced by the POD. However, rumor has it the date will be June 18.

An editorial from a recent edition of the New Orleans Times-Picayune discloses that postal commercialism has reared its dollar-signed head in the swamps and bayous of southern Louisiana. It reads —

New Orleans' Rabbit Island — or, rather, the long-established colony of camps which is part of Rabbit Island and which is known on maps and to the L. and N. Railroad as Rigolets — has ceased to wonder why it has been made a post office or station, with a new name and a postmaster. Mr. James Lascola, who got his appointment Nov. 1, reveals that this is to be the Easter capital of the United States and parts elsewhere, providing a postmark identifiable with that lion of the season, the bunny. He invites the public to mail or bring to him their bundles of stamped Easter greetings, etc., to be remailed from Rabbit Island. Personal visits might help the station's own stamp sales, but visits can be made only by train or boat.

Rabbit Island is independent of the New Orleans post office, and constitutes a rare recent example of post offices being added to, rather than subtracted from the national register. That it has some marsh rabbits is deemed entirely possible. It has a couple, at least, of competitors — one in Lake Calcasieu and one in the Gulf in the Wax Lake Pass area — but neither has thought to become a post office, or go after the Easter business.

Its island is formed by the Big and Little Rigolets, which gave their name to the place; now destined, it appears, for philatelic fame. The Rigolets derive, sources seem to agree, from the French word for "channels" — some insisting it stands rather for "ditches," and little ones at that, which would give us the Big Little and Little Little Ditches, neither of which is a ditch. We prefer under all the circumstances a derivation based on the verb "rigoler," "to have fun" — which seems to be Mr. Lascola's intention.

I see where the Michigan and Pennsylvania Congressmen have delved into the records and as a result, figuratively said, "The back of our hand to youse upstarts", to the Iowa Congressman who claimed that Iowa State was the first Land Grant College.

For both claims it can be said there is merit — mostly it depends where you are sitting. In any event, don't look for the POD to admit the February 12 commem isn't according to fact, nor the release of another stamp for Iowa State.

1. Nathan Hale, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin.
2. Warren Harding, George Washington, Martha Washington.

New Club For Stamp And Coin Collectors

In Texarkana, Texas - Arkansas is the recently organized Four States Stamp and Coin Club which is a going outfit with 71 members. Nelson Davis, instrumental in getting the group organized, was chosen as its first president.

Serving with him are vice president Henry T. Williams; treasurer Ronnie Martin; secretary Mrs. C. G. Coulter, Jr. Route 10, Box 696, Texarkana, Texas.

Collectors of either stamps or coins are welcomed to the meetings.

Reese President Of Michigan Stamp Club

James A. Reese is president of the Michigan Stamp Club as the result of recent balloting by the members. Other officers are vice president Ward Alkema; treasurer Leon Berman; secretary Larry Vincent, 5026 Drexel, Detroit 13, Mich.

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Salinas and Monterey, Calif. will publicize California Public Schools Week until April 30.

Turtle Lake, N. D. notes its 50th anniversary to the end of September.

Lemoyne, Pa. is another community which celebrates a 50th anniversary to May 21.

Putnam, Conn. notes a centennial from May 1 through October 31.

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Wildlife Combination Cover			.40			
June 5c I. C. A. O.	.75	.40	.25	.60	.28	.07
5c Alberta and Sask. Jubilee	.75	.40	.25	.60	.28	.07
Aug. 5c Intl. Boy Scouts Jamboree	.75	.40	.25	.60	.28	.07
Nov. 4c Prime Minister Sir Tupper	.65	.30	.20	.45	.28	.07
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organization which bears his name and which operates the stamp
centers in various cities, saw to it the group had a conducted tour
and prizes. Ben Blumenthal, the manager, gave a short history of
stamp collecting. Mrs. Rose Goldberg of the school faculty was in
charge.

Channel Island Monastery

Glenn D. Everett

The newest issue of Channel Is-
land locals recalls the ancient mon-
asteries which prospered there
during the 1000-year period from
about 550 A.D. to 1550 A.D.

Students of monastic history will
be fascinated by the set of three
stamps from Herm Island which
depicts a new heraldic crest adopted
by the island with "three monks
proper with two dolphins argent on a
shield azure".

The monks are Franciscans and
their presence recalls the fact that
for nearly ten centuries the island
was the center of a great deal of
religious activity.

Herm Island started issuing its
own stamps in 1949 when the British
post office turned down a request
to reopen the old post office on the
island. Its local stamps are valid
only for payment of the fee to the
fisherman who takes letters over to
the nearby Island of Guernsey for
posting at the office there. The
British government has no objection
to use of the local stamps so
long as the word "postage" does
not appear on them.

Herm is now a popular summer
colony, its four miles of sandy
beaches and quiet groves attracting
many weary Britons who come
across the English Channel by
steamer to Guernsey and then go
by motorboat to Herm.

According to a history of the is-
land prepared by its administrator,
Major A. G. Wood, the Tenant of
Herm, a small chapel was founded
there about the year 550 dedicated
to St. Tugual, a Breton Bishop. The
chapel first belonged to the Abbey
of Mount St. Michel but was trans-
ferred by William the Conqueror to
the Abbey of Notre Dame de Veou
of Cherbourg.

In the year 1111 history records
that Brother Claude Panton, "the
hermit of Herm", was present at
the consecration of St. Sampson's
Church in Guernsey. This suggests
that Herm Island got its name from
the Hermitage, or retreat house for
monks, maintained there. Certain-
ly the isolation of the island lent it-
self well to the pursuits of study
and contemplation.

Just when the Franciscans took
possession of the island is uncertain
but historical records from 1440
make it clear that it was a major
center of Franciscan activity at
that time.

After the Reformation the island
was acquired by the British Crown,
and in the 1700's was a game pre-
serve for the Governor of Guern-
sey. Quarrying brought a tempo-
rary flurry of activity to the island
in the 1800's, but until the big tour-
ist boom began in the Channel Is-
lands after World War II, it was
just a sleepy isolated little spot on
the map.

Now thanks to the interest of
stamp collectors in its unique local
stamps, Herm Island has gained a
measure of international fame.

Important Displays At Chicago In May

The following exhibits will be
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at the Palmer House in Chic-
ago:

Post Office Exhibit. The Post
Office Department has prepared
three special frames for show-
ing at the 2nd A.S.D.A. Mid-
west Postage Stamp Show. These
show development of the postage
stamps of the Kansas Territory,
the Lewis and Clark Expedition
and the George Eastman com-
memoratives. They consist of
reference material in preparing
the model, also showing rejected
color trial proofs as well as the
final die proof approved by the
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United Nations Exhibit. Twelve
frames showing complete sheets
of all of the United Nations
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Collection including the actual
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color of the 10c airletter sheet.

Three frames of Cuba from the
"Samuel Israel" collection in-
cluding the 1898-99 issued under
U.S.A. administration, the rare
overprints of the Puerto Principe
including the scarce varieties and
errors of overprint. And, the
1910-17 issues of the Republic
including the rare inverted cen-
ters of the 1c, 2c, and 10c, and
the Special Delivery 10c.

Likewise the Constitutional
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Church Architecture

Winfield J. Hain

This brief explanation of the most important styles of ecclesiastical architecture is written because of numerous requests as to just what is meant by a "Gothic" or "Baroque" style church, etc. The various styles of our church buildings will be discussed herewith in chronological order, always keeping in mind that in point of time, the various styles overlapped.

For example, Romanesque churches were constructed long after the Gothic style had been fully developed.

EARLY CHRISTIAN

The Early Christian, or Basilica church evolved from Roman public or private halls. The interior consists of an ante-room or narthex (in early Christian times the penitents and catechumens were not permitted beyond this point); the church itself is usually divided by columns into a nave and two or more aisles. The circular apse at the end has an altar at its opening.



The bishop's throne stands at the wall beyond. The wooden ceiling is flat. Examples of this type on stamps are: St. Paul-Outside-the-Walls, St. Clement, St. Agnes, St. Lawrence, St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran. All these churches are in Rome.

BYZANTINE

The central space, with a dome over it, represents the Byzantine ideal form of church. The ground plan is usually that of a Greek Cross and frequently domes surmount the end of each arm, as in the case of St. Mark's Church in Venice. The finest example of the Byzantine style is that of the 6th century church of Hagia Sophia, in Constantinople (France SP26). Other examples are to be found on stamps of Serbia, Bulgaria and Armenia.

ROMANESQUE

What for convenience is termed the Romanesque style evolved from the Latin Basilica. It was the prevalent style of ecclesiastical architecture in Western Europe from about the 9th to the 13th centuries; in Italy it persisted until the Renaissance.

In Romanesque churches, the weight and thrust of the roof is supported by thick walls instead of buttresses, as in the Gothic style church. Light enters by means of small, semicircular "barrel-arches." As the Romanesque style reached its fullest stage of development, churches assumed the form of a crux commissa, and were sometimes vaulted with stone.



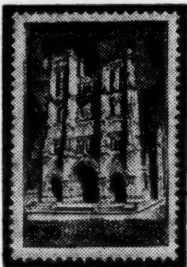
One of the best examples of the fully developed Romanesque style on postage stamps is the Abbaye aux Hommes at Caen, in France, (A216). Other examples are: St. Sernin, Toulouse, (France SP167), the Cathedrals of Aachen, Pisa, Speyer, etc. (Germany A50).

GOTHIC

The term "Gothic" as applied to architecture was originally one of contempt. In the 16th-century this style was considered ponderous, blundering and barbaric, hence its name. Today, many consider the Gothic style, which flourished in Europe from the 12th to the 15th centuries, to be the noblest of all architectural forms.

Certainly many, if not most, of the great cathedrals of Europe are built in Gothic style. This style (also known as the "pointed" or "ogival") is characterized by pointed or broken arches, flying buttresses, supporting ribbed vaulting,

and the large stained glass windows which permit air and sunshine to give warmth and light to the interior.



The ground plan of the typical Gothic church is that of a Latin cross, and usually has side chapels. Examples on postage stamps are the Cathedrals of Cologne, Notre-Dame-de-Paris, Reims, Amiens, Antwerp, Brussels, and many others.

RENAISSANCE

The architects of the Renaissance

period, which began in the 15th century, turned back to pagan times for their inspiration. Italy, which had never taken kindly to the Gothic style, was the cradle of Renaissance architecture.

One of the outstanding characteristics of this form is the emphasis placed on the horizontal line and the employment of columns as an element of decoration. In the case of churches a dome was added.



The Basilica of St. Peter in Rome is the greatest example of the Renaissance church. Other Renaissance churches which appear on postage stamps are St. Paul's, London, the Val de Grace and Invalides (both churches at one time), Paris. Our Capitol in Washington is also built in Renaissance style.

BAROQUE

The Baroque style, which also originated in Italy towards the end of the 16th century, was actually a revolt against the bondage of a Classicism that had become dull, cold and uninspired. It is characterized by lavish ornamentation and a departure from the severe horizontal line.

Germany and Austria in particular took kindly to this style, which reached its height throughout Europe in the 17th century. Examples on postage stamps are the Church of the Jesuits (Quito), Melk Monastery in Austria, the Karlskirche of Vienna and Zweifalten

Church in Wurttemberg.

ROCOCO

Following the Baroque we come to the Rococo. It had its origin in France in the early decades of the 18th century and spread quickly to other parts of Europe, especially to Germany and Austria. If the Baroque stood for a new freedom, Rococo stood for complete abandon.

Classic precedence was deliberately discarded or distorted. It follows that this new freedom found easier expression in decorations rather than structures, hence there are few, if any, churches that can be described as being built in pure Rococo style. We know of none on stamps.

CLASSIC REVIVAL

During the last years of the 18th and the first half of the 19th centuries some church architects were obsessed with the idea that a Christian church should assume the form of a Roman temple. The Church of the Madeleine, Paris (1804) is the first of these in Europe. Other examples to be found on postage stamps are the Cathedral of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and the Cathedral of St. Stanislaus, Vilno, Poland.

MODERN

Even the most modernistic styles of architecture have not been neglected by philately. Mexico 853 shows the highly modernistic Church of the Virgin at Monterey, to round out completely the collection of religious architecture by styles.

Before concluding we wish to again repeat that the foregoing is but the barest outline of the most important types of churches. There are various modifications and subdivisions of which we have made no mention, e.g., Norman Romanes-

que, Early, High and Late Gothic, etc. etc.

To those readers who are seriously interested in furthering their knowledge of this aspect of religious philately we would suggest a visit to the local library and obtaining books on the history of architecture. The knowledge gained thereby will add considerable enjoyment to the most fascinating of all hobbies—collecting religion on stamps.

One Of Nine Was Shown On Stamp

On page ten of the April 11 edition appeared an article titled "Tale Of Nine Famous Irishmen". It was stated that it had no philatelic tie-in but was printed for the morale uplift contained.

A number of readers have generously sent the information that one of the men mentioned has appeared in the design of a postage stamp—of Canadian origin. He is Thomas D'Arcy McGee who was shown on the 5c value of the three issued June 29, 1927.

The Scott Postage Stamp Catalog lists this item as No. 146.

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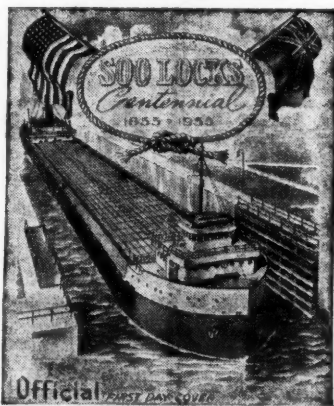
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Syrian Rotary Commems Show Shrine To Virgin, Omayyad Grand Mosque

Bruce Conde

February 23 passed without a ripple on the Syrian philatelic front. Where were the promised Rotary stamps, perf and imperf—the souvenir sheets? Egypt duly commemorated Rotary's 50th Anniversary on that date and Lebanon followed the next day, but nothing happened at the Damascus P. O., and it was feared that the Rotary stamps had been lost in the limbo of promised-but-not-issued items, along with the long-overdue Aleppo Aqueduct commemoratives.

But the Syrian Post Office Department had not forgotten, in fact it wasn't allowed to forget, as Rotary is strong in Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and the other advanced Arab states. Actually, it was preparing a coup, designed to outdo all other countries by issuing not one but two sets in honor of one of the world's most famous service clubs.

On March 26, in commemoration of the Rotary Congress of Syria, which had convened in Damascus earlier in the month, the government placed on sale an attractive set of two airmail stamps inscribed in Arabic: "Local Rotary Congress, Damascus, 4 March 1955". Values were 35 and 65 piasters, for European and American airmail rates, respectively.



Both stamps showed an attractive silhouette-like impressionistic motif of the Omayyad Grand Mosque, the Syrian capital's most ancient and imposing building. Above the needle-like minarets of the mosque is the word "Syria" in ornate Kufic characters, embellished with arabesques. Between the last two letters of the country name (to left, Arabic order) is superimposed the Rotary International symbol.

Below the mosque are the country name in French, bilingual figures of value (with tiny and practically illegible airmail inscriptions above them), then the Rotary commemorative legend and designer's and printer's superscriptions.

As usual, both the paper and printing process leave much to be desired, but the extremely good designing and silhouette effect does much to offset these deficiencies.

1,500 Imperfs Promised

40,000 sets were issued, and 1500 imperfs are slated to be released in the near future.

On the next day, to the delight of philatelically-minded Rotarians, a second airmail set was issued in the denominations of 25 and 75 piasters for intra-A. P. U. (Arab Postal Union) and heavy-weight airmail use. The 25pi. fee now pays basic post and registry to all A. P. U. countries, with a few odd piasters airmail surtax added according to distance.



The second set was duly inscribed, in Arabic, in honor of the "Rotary International, 1905-1955", and featured one of Syria's cherished historic monu-

country name.

On the ground, below the tree are the Rotary anniversary inscriptions and the Arabic word "Sayidnaya". Again, superior designing has saved the stamps from the effects of the poor printing and paper.

As the perfing is also defective, care should be taken in separating these stamps. The first stamp removed from a mint sheet by the writer for study in the preparation of this article came out minus the lower right corner in spite of usual precautions of folding along the perf lines prior to separation.

Quantity issued: 40,000, with 1500 imperfs in the offing. No souvenir sheets of either set.

If response to Egypt's uniquely-

designed and Lebanon's extremely ugly Rotary sets are any indication of the popularity of Rotary's stamps in the philatelic world today, Syria's imperf set, particularly its imperf varieties, should prove quite popular. Local dealers, at first caught unawares by all the excitement over what they considered a run-of-the-mill occasion, are now going out of their way to prepare attractively-cacheted first-day-covers for all Arab state Rotary issues, with particular attention to the two new Syrian sets.

Sixteen stamps were in the set Colombia issued in 1935 for the Third National Olympic Games in Barranquilla.

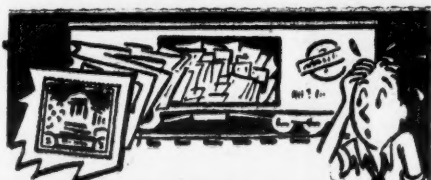
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the airmail field not later than April
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**Janet van den Berg**

Running over a sheet of 50 of
the 1935 Sudan 2 1/2 pi. on 5 m. air
stamp, I note that seven copies
have the "small 1/4" variety.

The London Stamp Fair Club
meets every Saturday from 1:30
to 6:45 p. m. It is a great place
for "little fellows" as tables may
be had at only about \$4 each,
and the room is always thronged
with eager juveniles clutching
shillings they're eager to spend.
Then too, there's always a 10%
fee auction at 5 p. m.

The "Fair" has attracted so
much attention that the high and
mighty are beginning to send
all about anyhow. Actually, it's
an average collector's paradise
and a grand place to have a won-
derful time at relatively low
cost.

There are two famous lines of
albums published in Holland -
the Davo and the Erka. Both are
widely sold throughout the world
save for the USA. So far as I
know, there is no distributor in
this country for either line.

V. Wisner has some 140 differ-
ent perforated OHMS Canadian
plate blocks. That's really some-
thing!!

There's quite a scramble on
among collectors for \$1 Canadian
Totem Poles with circular town
cancellations. Parcel Post can-
celled copies are common by
comparison and sell for less.

Bellarmine Club Exhibition In July

Newly elected president James
Cissell of the Bellarmine Stamp
Club has announced that the so-
ciety will stage a one day ex-
hibition July 17 in the Cash Mem-
orial room at Xavier Universi-
ty, Cincinnati, Ohio. The public
display will be welcome to attend the
display.

Other members of the official
family are treasurer Dick Helm-
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cinnati 7, Ohio.

A Colombian Postal Tax stamp
of 1935 benefitted the Red Cross.
It pictured a nurse and sick and
injured people.

Western Cachet For Rocky Mt. Show

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will be held at the Shirley-Savoy
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member of the Denver Stamp Club.
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tennial Stamp with "6th Annual
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19	.95	78	2.49	117	2.99	165	2.99	230	4.25
20	.95	79	2.49	118	2.99	166	2.99	231	4.25
21	.95	80	2.49	119	2.99	167	2.99	232	4.25
22	.95	81	2.49	120	2.99	168	2.99	233	4.25
23	.95	82	2.49	121	2.99	169	2.99	234	4.25
24	.95	83	2.49	122	2.99	170	2.99	235	4.25
25	.95	84	2.49	123	2.99	171	2.99	236	4.25
26	.95	85	2.49	124	2.99	172	2.99	237	4.25
27	.95	86	2.49	125	2.99	173	2.99	238	4.25
28	.95	87	2.49	126	2.99	174	2.99	239	4.25
29	.95	88	2.49	127	2.99	175	2.99	240	4.25
30	.95	89	2.49	128	2.99	176	2.99	241	4.25
31	.95	90	2.49	129	2.99	177	2.99	242	4.25
32	.95	91	2.49	130	2.99	178	2.99	243	4.25
33	.95	92	2.49	131	2.99	179	2.99	244	4.25
34	.95	93	2.49	132	2.99	180	2.99	245	4.25
35	.95	94	2.49	133	2.99	181	2.99	246	4.25
36	.95	95	2.49	134	2.99	182	2.99	247	4.25
37	.95	96	2.49	135	2.99	183	2.99	248	4.25
38	.95	97	2.49	136	2.99	184	2.99	249	4.25
39	.95	98	2.49	137	2.99	185	2.99	250	4.25
40	.95	99	2.49	138	2.99	186	2.99	251	4.25
41	.95	100	2.49	139	2.99	187	2.99	252	4.25
42	.95	101	2.49	140	2.99	188	2.99	253	4.25
43	.95	102	2.49	141	2.99	189	2.99	254	4.25
44	.95	103	2.49	142	2.99	190	2.99	255	4.25
45	.95	104	2.49	143	2.99	191	2.99	256	4.25
46	.95	105	2.49	144	2.99	192	2.99	257	4.25
47	.95	106	2.49	145	2.99	193	2.99	258	4.25
48	.95	107	2.49	146	2.99	194	2.99	259	4.25
49	.95	108	2.49	147	2.99	195	2.99	260	4.25
50	.95	109	2.49	148	2.99	196	2.99	261	4.25
51	.95	110	2.49	149	2.99	197	2.99	262	4.25
52	.95	111	2.49	150	2.99	198	2.99	263	4.25
53	.95	112	2.49	151	2.99	199	2.99	264	4.25
54	.95	113	2.49	152	2.99	200	2.99	265	4.25
55	.95	114	2.49	153	2.99	201	2.99	266	4.25
56	.95	115	2.49	154	2.99	202	2.99	267	4.25
57	.95	116	2.49	155	2.99	203	2.99	268	4.25
58	.95	117	2.49	156	2.99	204	2.99	269	4.25
59	.95	118	2.49	157	2.99	205	2.99	270	4.25
60	.95	119	2.49	158	2.99	206	2.99	271	4.25
61	.95	120	2.49	159	2.99	207	2.99	272	4.25
62	.95	121	2.49	160	2.99	208	2.99	273	4.25
63	.95	122	2.49	161	2.99	209	2.99	274	4.25
64	.95	123	2.49	162	2.99	210	2.99	275	4.25
65	.95	124	2.49	163	2.99	211	2.99	276	4.25
66	.95	125	2.49	164	2.99	212	2.99	277	4.25
67	.95	126	2.49	165	2.99	213	2.99	278	4.25
68	.95	127	2.49	166	2.99	214	2.99	279	4.25
69	.95	128	2.49	167	2.99	215	2.99	280	4.25
70	.95	129	2.49	168	2.99	216	2.99	281	4.25
71	.95	130	2.49	169	2.99	217	2.99	282	4.25
72	.95	131	2.49	170	2.99	218	2.99	283	4.25
73	.95	132	2.49	171	2.99	219	2.99	284	4.25
74	.95	133	2.49	172	2.99	220	2.99	285	4.25
75	.95	134	2.49	173	2.99	221	2.99	286	4.25
76	.95	135	2.49	174	2.99	222	2.99	287	4.25
77	.95	136	2.49	175	2.99	223	2.99	288	4.25
78	.95	137	2.49	176	2.99	224	2.99	289	4.25
79	.95	138	2.49	177	2.99	225	2.99	290	4.25
80	.95	139	2.49	178	2.99	226	2.99	291	4.25
81	.95	140	2.49	179	2.99	227	2.99	292	4.25
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83	.95	142	2.49	181	2.99	229	2.99	294	4.25
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88	.95	147	2.49	186	2.99	234	2.99	299	4.25
89	.95	148	2.49	187	2.99	235	2.99	300	4.25
90	.95	149	2.49	188	2.99	236	2.99	301	4.25
91	.95	150	2.49	189	2.99	237	2.99	302	4.25
92	.95	151	2.49	190	2.99	238	2.99	303	4.25
93	.95	152	2.49	191	2.99	239	2.99	304	4.25
94	.95	153	2.49	192	2.99	240	2.99	305	4.25
95	.95	154	2.49	193	2.99	241	2.99	306	4.25
96	.95	155	2.49	194	2.99	242	2.99	307	4.25
97	.95	156	2.49	195	2.99	243	2.99	308	4.25
98	.95	157	2.49	196	2.99	244	2.99	309	4.25
99	.95	158	2.49	197	2.99	245	2.99	310	4.25
100	.95	159	2.49	198	2.99	246	2.99	311	4.25
101	.95	160	2.49	199	2.99	247	2.99	312	4.25
102	.95	161	2.49	200	2.99	248	2.99	313	4.25
103	.95	162	2.49	201	2.99	249	2.99	314	4.25
104	.95	163	2.49	202	2.99	250	2.99	315	4.25
105	.95	164	2.49	203	2.99	251	2.99	316	4.25
106	.95	165	2.49	204	2.99	252	2.99	317	4.25
107	.95	166	2.49	205	2.99	253	2.99	318	4.25
108	.95	167	2.49	206	2.99	254	2.99	319	4.25
109	.95	168	2.49	207	2.99	255	2.99	320	4.25
110	.95	169	2.49	208	2.99	256	2.99	321	4.25
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116	.95	175	2.49	214	2.99	262	2.99	327	4.25
117	.95	176	2.49	215	2.99	263	2.99	328	4.25
118	.95	177	2.49	216	2.99	264	2.99	329	4.25
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127	.95	186	2.49	225	2.99	273	2.99	338	4.25
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129	.95	188	2.49	227	2.99	275	2.99	340	4.25
130	.95	189	2.49	228	2.99	276	2.99	341	4.25
131	.95	190	2.49	229	2.99	277	2.99	342	4.25
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135	.95	194	2.49	233	2.99	281	2.99	346	4.25
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139	.95	198	2.49	237	2.99	285	2.99	350	4.25
140	.95	199	2.49	238	2.99	286	2.99	351	4.25
141	.95	200	2.49	239	2.99	287	2.99	352	4.25
142	.95	201	2.49	240	2.99	288	2.99	353	4.25
143	.95	202	2.49	241	2.99	289	2.99	354	4.25
144	.95	203	2.49	242	2.99	290	2.99	355	4.25
145	.95	204	2.49	243	2.99	291	2.99	356	4.25
146	.95	205	2.49	244	2.99	292	2.99	357	4.25
147	.95	206	2.49	245	2.99	293	2.99	358	4.25
148	.95	207	2.49	246	2.99	294	2.99	359	4.25
149	.95	208	2.49	247	2.99	295	2.99	360	4.25
150	.95	209	2.49	248	2.99	296	2.99	361	4.25
151	.95	210	2.49	249	2.99	297	2.99	362	4.25
152	.95	211	2.49	250	2.99	298	2.99	363	4.25
153	.95	212	2.49	251	2.99	299	2.99	364	4.25
154	.95	213	2.49	252	2.99	300	2.99	365	4.25
155	.95	214	2.49	253	2.99	301	2.99	366	4.25
156	.95	215	2.49	254	2.99	302	2.99	367	4.25
157	.95	216	2.49	255	2.99	303	2.99	368	4.25
158	.95	217	2.49	256	2.99	304	2.99	369	4.25
159	.95	218	2.49	257	2.99	305	2.99	370	4.25
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CATALOGUES USED IN LISTING

AAM—American Airmail Si—Sieger 1952
Mo—Mosden 1954 Sim—Simon's Spec. Cat. 1955

SYMBOLS

*—Unused. BB—Block larger than four.
C—Used. F—Fine.
T—On Piece. VF—Very Fine.
C—Cover or Card. NH—Never Hinged.
FD—First Day. P—Proof.
B—Block of four. S—Specimen.

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Inasmuch as our sale includes highly specialized items which are not listed in major catalogues, and in order to help collectors determine the true market value of these items, we have placed a "minimum bid" figure on all the lots. This is in most cases below the current market price, and in effect will offer the bidder a good indication as to how to place his bids.

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PALESTINE FORERUNNERS — TURKEY

Lot #	Min. Bid
1 C	415 var. The extremely rare BENI SAAB (Mount Sinai) provisional 5pa on 10pa tied to cov. One of the greatest rarities VF
2 C	153 var. "Jerusalem 2" tied to view card, VF
3 T	257 var. Same "5" octagonal pmk on 6pa, VF
4 T	259 var. Same on 20pa, VF
5 C	120 var. NASRE tied to view card, VF
6 C	119 var. Same on 10pa irreg block of 11, faults, F
7 C	120 var. Same on 20pa block of 4 F
8 C	120 var. Siml. block, 2 st. faults, F-VF
9 C	"Lloyd Austriaco" blue strike on 20pa Jaffa p. card
10 C	Jerusalem bilingual on 20pa p. card; add. Jaffa arrival VF
11 C	Siml. p. card but "Oestr. Post" cancel, VF
12 C	22 Same strike in magenta on spec. card, VF
13 C	14,17,20 Same, 3 diff. strikes, F-VF

AUSTRIA

14 T	15.21 "Jaffa" circle, 1.5pi on piece, VF
15 T	37 Same 2 1/2pi on piece, VF
16 T	46 Same both types on 1/4pi (2), VF
17 C	46.56 Same on 1/4pi, 10c, VF
18 C	51 Same, double ring on 5pi, VF
19 C	53 "Jaffa" double ring on 25pi, VF
20 C	44.55 "Jaffa, JERUSALEM" on 2 view cards, VF
21 C	13-15, 17-20 "Jerusalem" 7 diff. on pieces, F-VF
22 C	14-6.8 Same pmk on 4 diff. VF
23 T	125.36 Same tied to 2 cut squares, VF
24 C	39 Jerusalem circle on 5pi, VF
25 C	47-8.55-6 Same on 4 diff. VF
26 C	51 5pi wmk, siml. strike, VF
27 C	51 Same Swiss type cancel, VF
28 C	43 "JERUSALEM" on 10pa, add. "AUS RAMLEH" box on cover front, VF
29 C	Same on 3 diff. wrappers, F-VF
30 C	"A.O.K." Field Post Jerusalem, Billing, card, VF
31 C	"B.H.E.S.E.A." Field Post, Mil. Miss. cov.; add. "Portable Radio Station" VF
32 C	Siml. "Jerusalem" letter-card, cens., VF

BRITISH MILITARY OCCUPATION

33 C	1 lpi block of 4, scarce, F
34 *	3var. 5m on lpi, part of Arabic surch. missing Pos. 11 (SG 4a), OG VF
35 *	17var. 3m. half Hebrew ovpt. missing, OG VF
36 *	21var. 2pi B for E in PALESTINE; scarce, OG VF
37 *	22var. 5pi, the "13" var., OG-VF
38 *	60var. 9pi perf. 14 size 25m/m (Hoecker #163a), VF
39 *	67c 5m Coll pair, invert, wmk, NH VF
40 *	77-84 (exc. 79) Views 7 diff. high val., NH F-VF
41 *	78, 80-1 3 high val. margin blocks of 4, NH VF
42 *	90 100m gutter pair 2 diff. perf. var., NH VF
43 *	11-13 Pal used abroad, 3 diff. pmk. "ADANA" VF
44 *	10 Reg. cov. mix. frank. Pal. & Cilicia, VF
45 *	10-12 2pi to 10pi with Damas pmks, VF
46 *	6 Reg. Stationery 15m. errors Arabic "13m.", VF
47 C	Coll. of 10 p. cards used & unused, VF
48 T	64/77 15 diff. cancel. on pieces, F-VF
49 C	20/80 26 interest. commerc. cov. incl. cards, F-VF
50 C	5 diff. cov. w/slogans, VF
51 C	10 cens. cov. diff. cens. labels, F-VF
52 C	21 cens. covers mostly fl., F-VF
53 C	Brit. Field Post in Palestine #121,3,4,154-5,156,166-7,535, 552,731 mostly regst., bkst. Jerusalem, VF
54 C	Reg. lett. India F. Post to Pal., VF
55 C	5 diff. Brit. Field Post cov., VF
56 *	Levant Fair vignette, F-VF
57 *	"Tabul" poster 3 var., NH VF
58 *	Same block of 4, NH VF

FIRST FLIGHTS FROM AND TO PALESTINE

59 C	1933 Spec. Fl. Rome-Jerusalem, VF
60 C	Same Fl. and Return, double card; purple seal, VF
61 C	Same Return Fl. to Rome, VF
62 C	F.Fl. Rome-Haifa cov. spec. pmk., VF
63 C	Same, but Brindisi-Haifa; 40 Fl., VF

Lot #	Min. Bid
64 C	Same, but Trieste-Haifa; spec. pmk, VF
65 C	Same, but Tripoli-Haifa, VF
66 C	Same, but Rhodes-Haifa; 44 fl., VF
67 C	Same, but from San Marino, 26 fl., VF
68 C	F.Fl. Haifa-Rome, 30 fl., VF
69 C	F.Fl. Haifa-Trieste, 44 fl., VF
70 C	F.Fl. Haifa-Rome, 48 fl., VF

JNF — JUDAICA

71 *	Dr. Herzl 1st issue cpl., add. 5pi ovpt., UNUS
72 C	Cochin 3 stamp, env. "Star of David" UNUS VF
73 T	Czechoslovakia Zionist Congress 1923, 33, 37, 4 diff.
74 C	"B.A.P.P." Exhib. London, cpl. set 7 cov., VF
75 *	Lodz Ghetto, cpl. set 3 val., NH VF
76 *	Same, corner blocks of 4, NH VF
77 C	2 diff. Swiss Zionist Cgr. pmks 1939, 46, NH VF
78 C	U.N. cov. & card, spec. cachet, 100 exist, VF

THE WAR OF LIBERATION

79 *	N1-N27 Egypt: Use in Pal. cpl. 39 diff., NH VF (20.76) ..
80 C	Same, 30 val. on 4 FD covers, VF
81 *	N5var. 2m invert. ovpt., NH VF
82 *	C53 2m double ovpt. "Palestine", add. bars, NH VF
83 T	Iraq 2 Officials Pal. F. post cancel, F

TRANSJORDAN, OCCUPATION PALESTINE

84 *	N18.21var. UPU invert. ovpt., NH VF
85 *	N18-21var. Same 4 val. doub. ovpt., NH VF
86 *	N22var. Same, 50m ovpt. on T inst. B, NH VF
87 B	Same, Postal Tax, 3 diff. invert. ovpt., NH VF
88 C	Same, 8 reg. cov. interest. franking, VF
89 C	Cover from Cyprus Camp #65, VF
90 C	Prisoner of War cov. pmk Gaza, VF
91 C	Siml. stampless from Nablus, Transjordan, VF
92 C	Hagana Hg. Haifa cov. 3/21/1948, F

INTERIM PERIOD

93 TB	Pal. # 83 Pl. # block of 4 Minhelet Ha'am pmk, VF
94 *	2a var. 3m dark green heavy offset, VF
95 *	3a Tractor 5m white paper on cover, VF
96 C	3d.16c Tractor, Jew. Brigade mix. frank., VF
97 C	4c T. Aviv Harbor block of 4 add. #49Ac, VF
98 C	5a 50m. both Haifa pmks on cover, VF
99 C	7c var. Herzl 5m tete-beche on cover, VF
100 C	7c Same, pair on cover FD Haifa pmk, VF
101 C	7c Same, full sheet of 16 used incl. 4 tete-beche, F-VF ..
102 *	8c Same, 10m Haifa circle, T strip of 4, NH F-VF
103 C	14a Technion 10m (3) on reg. cov. VF
104 C	17c.32Ac Jerusalem, Ghetto on cover, VF
105 *	18c Same 10m gutter block of 4, OG VF
106 C	18c Same gutter pair used, VF
107 *	20c Hankin, grey paper, NH VF
108 C	2c.20d.21c.32a 4 diff. on cov., VF
109 CB	21c "Spartan" block of 4 from ALONIM, VF
110 C	27a 50th Annivers. Jew. St. NH VF
111 C	28b Herzl 10m red ovpt. on cov. "3 Periods": Mandate, Interim, Israel, VF (30.00+)
112 C	29a Negev 5m vert. double perf., VF
113 C	32a,33a,33c.34a 4 Map at. on cov. VF
114 C	32b Same 5m red ovpt. corner pair on cov., VF
115 C	30b.11c 2 diff. on cover, VF
116 C	14c(4) 36a Herzl-Bialik, block of 4, Technion, VF
117 C	37-43 Cc Parachutist, olive strip of 7 on cov. scarce VF ..

118 T	44/52Aa brown violet ovpt. 6 diff. on pieces, VF
119 C	44/63Aa brown, violet ovpt. 6 diff. used, VF
120 T	54.56Ba Same, blue, 2 diff. on pieces, F-VF
121 C	55.56,60.63Bb 4 diff. red ovpt., #56 double ovpt. from ALONIM, F
122 T	54Bc Same, blue & green on piece, F-VF
123 T	58Bc 10m blue Musicians on piece, VF
124 C	53Bc 10m green, Rashi-Synagogue, used, VF
125 B	54Bc 10m Amsterdam Ghetto used, F
126 C	57Cc Same, Summer Tunes used, VF
127 C	65-66Ac 2 diff. green se-tenant used, VF
128 C	64Bc 10m olive addit. #2c.3a.11a, VF
129 C	73Cc 10m blue, used (Sim. 5.00), VF
130 C	76Cc 10m Synagogue at Volfe, used, VF
131 C	76Cc Same add. #16c.24a.29a, VF
132 C	81Cc 10m Prag Street used, VF

JERUSALEM ISSUES

133 *	84-86 1st issue cpl., NH F-VF
134 T	84-86 Same on pieces, VF
135 *	87-89 2nd issue cpl., NH VF
136 *	87-89 Same on cov. Jubilee pmk, VF
137 C	87-89 Same cpl. in used blocks of 4, F-VF
138 *	87-89var. Same cpl. set of 3 IMPERF. margin copies; RARE, NH VF
139 C	87-89var. 2nd issue 5m double ovpt., one invert., add. 10.25m on reg. cov., VF
140 C	87-89var. 2nd issue 5 & 25m double ovpt., add. 10m, on reg. cov., with Certificate, VF
141 C	90 3rd issue, 5m (Sim. # 15.00), VF

LOCALS

142 *	Sim 1 RISHON LE ZION Armored Car st., NH VF
143 C	Sim 1 Same on cov. bkst., VF
144 C	Sim 1var. Same "5" for "S" on cov., VF
145 C	Sim 1var. Same, broken "R" on cov. box pmk, VF
146 *	Sim 1 Same full sheet of 10 incl. all var., NH VF
147 *	Sim 2 Same, imperf., NH VF
148 C	Sim 2 Same, imperf. used, VF
149 C	Sim 2 Same imperf. block of 4 used, incl. var. VF
150 C	Pal. #64 tied to cov. magenta pmk SAFED, VF
151 C	Sim 3 SAFED Provisional corner copy on cov., VF
152 C	3var. Same printed on both sides, front pmk Haifa, VF ..
153 C	Sim 14 NAHARIYA, 10m yellow Spec. del. fee, VF
154 C	AFULEH Emergency, Pal. 10m on cov., VF
155 C	Same, 20m on cov., VF
156 C	NAHALAL Emergency, 4 & 6m on cov., VF

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BOOKLETS & SPECIAL PRINTS

157 B	1-6.9P "IMABA" unexploded booklet, blocks of 4, add. enlarged Proof 1000m, VF
158 BB	2-4 1st Coin 3 diff. booklets (Mo. B2-4, 63.00) VF
159 BB	2-4 Same, "Giftboxes" on white (Mo. B3, 21.00), VF
160 BB	2nd Coins 3 diff. booklets (No. B5-7, 16.30), VF
161 *	18a-21a Same, blocks of 4 tete-beche & gutter t-b., NH VF ..

Lot #	Min. Bid
162 B	31-32 UPU booklet, VF
163 *	31-32 UPU tete-beche & gutter t-b. blocks of 4, NH VF ..
164 BB	3rd Coins, 3 diff. booklets, VF
165 CBB	39-32.56 Same, 4 booklet panes incl. cov. on 2 FD cov. VF ..
166 BB	39-32.56 Same, special print Control #bl. of 18, NH VF ..
167 C	Same, 5 diff. t-b and gutter t-b pairs etc. on 3 FD cov. VF ..
168 *	88-89 Tabim booklet, limited issue, VF
169 C	88-89 Same, folder, 1st day pmk, VF
170 C	88-89 Same, folder, 2nd day pmk; Scarce, VF

POSTAL STATIONERY & REVENUES

171 C	AS1 First Airletter, FD pmk (Sim. 17.00), VF
172 CA	AS1-4 4 diff. Airletters, unused, (Sim. 6.90), VF
173 C	AS4 Airletter 50pr FD (Sim. 6.00), VF
174 C	AS5 Same 55pr, 9 diff. FD pmks (Sim. 22.50), VF
175 C	AS9 55pr, clear double impression, VF
176 C	AS10 Same 100pr, clear double impression, VF
177 C	LS3 Inland letter 30pr, 9 diff. FD pmks, VF
178 *	SE1-2PC1-12 2 stamp, envel. & 12 p. cards cpl. UNUS, VF ..
179 C	SE1-2PC4-12 2nd envel. & 9 p. cards F.Day, VF
180 C	PC1-2 2 p. cards FD (Sim. 20.00), VF
181 C	PC3 The scarce 10p p. card, VF
182 C	PC3 Same FD pmk, VF
183 C	Revenues 2nd issue 12 val. cpl., NH VF
184 *	Radio tax & 3.5 gutter blocks of 4, NH VF
185 *	Postal Savings, 4 val. cpl. blocks of 4, NH VF

POST OFFICE OPENINGS

186 C	Hilvar. Pardess Hannah, FD cov. no cachet, VF
187 C	Hilvar. Tivon, FD cov. no cachet, VF
188 C	Hilvar. Shaar Haamakim, Dalia, 2 cov. diff. cachet, VF ..
189 C	H50 Talpiot MM, FD cov., VF
190 C	H69 Kfar Azar, cover as per Simon, VF

FLIGHT COVERS

191 C	F.Fl. Tel-Aviv to Teheran, reg. cov., VF
192 C	Siml. reg. cov. from Lusa Airport, VF
193 C	1st Fl. New York-Lydda, less than 50 flims, VF
194 C	Spec. Balloon card Austr. Children Relief, VF

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The catalog # refer to Scott catalog 1955. Re quotations the price of Mosden or Simon were used.	
195 BB	1-9 Cpl. set of 9, black sheet, NH VF
196 C	1-6 "Gift" cov. JNF with insert, VF
197 *	1-6 Same, blocks of 4, latter gray paper, NH VF
198 *	1var. 3m perf. 10 (Sim. 25.00), NH VF
199 *	1var. Same block of 4 usual center, NH VF
200 *	1var. 3m tab pair, dot. var. (Mo. 5.60), NH VF
201 *	1var. TL corner block double perf., NH VF
202 *	1-3var. Cpl. set rouletted, NH VF
203 C	1-3var. Same on reg. FD cov., VF
204 *	1-3var. Same, blocks of 4, NH VF
205 *	1-3,5,6 Cpl. set tabs perf. 10x11 (Sim. 103.00+), NH F ..
206 C	1-9 Cpl. set on small FD pmk Haifa, VF
207 C	1-9 Same cpl. set with tabs on 2 FD cov., F
208 C	1-9 Same cpl. set with Pl. #1 on 2 FD Cov.
209 C	1-9 Same cpl. set, #7-9 serial, 3 on FD cov., VF
210 *	2var. 5m perf. 10 (Sim. 40.00) NH VF
211 *	2var. 5m vert. block of 6 double perf., NH VF
212 BB	2var. 5m rtd. block of 10 compr. 3 shades, VF
213 *	3var. 10m block of 4 double cent. perf., NH VF
214 *	3var. 10m, block of 4 imperf. betw. 4 imperf. betw. 4 ..
215 CBB	3var. 10m rtd. Pl. # block of 4, FD cancel (Sim. #67 40.00), VF
216 *	3-4var. 10.5m error of tabs, NH VF
217 *	4var. 15m perf. 10, usual cent. scarce (Sim. 30.00), NH VF ..
218 *	4var. 15m perf. 10, usual cent. scarce (Sim. 30.00), NH VF ..
219 *	4var. Same, used, VF
220 *	4var. Same in block of 4, NH VF
221 C	4var. 15m "Flag" error in strip of 3 etc., VF
222 *	4var. Same strip of 6 incl. pair imperf. betw., F-VF ..
223 *	4var. 15m vert. blk of 10 incl. 3 rows double perf., NH VF ..
224 C	5var. 20m "DOAR IVRI" at T. missing add. 1 tab line at B, VF
225 *	5var. 20m vert. pair imperf. betw., OG VF
226 *	5var. 20m corner tab pair IMPERF. rare, OG VF
227 *	5var. 20m, perf. 10x11, double perf. thru middle, NH VF ..
228 CBB	6 50m block of 9 grey paper used, VF
229 *	6var. 50m perf. 10x11, NH VF
230 *	6var. Same used, VF
231 *	6var. Same perf. 10x11 corner block of 4, NH VF
232 *	6var. 50m imperf. betw. stamp and tab (Sim. 50.00), NH F ..
233 *	6var. 50m, L margin pair imperf. betw. vert., NH VF
234 *	7 250m, NH VF
235 *	7 250m TL corner copy, NH VF
236 C	7 Same, used, F
237 *	7 Same 250m tab, NH VF
238 *	7 250m, margin block of 4, NH VF
239 *	7 250m, margin block of 4 incl. var., NH VF
240 *	7-9 The 3 top val., NH VF
241 *	7-9 The 3 high values with Pl. # (Sim. 200.00) VF
242 *	7-9var. The 3 high val. IMPERF. perforated, NH VF
243 *	8 500m tab (Sim. 45.00), NH VF
244 *	8 500m, with Pl. # (Sim. 45.00), NH VF
245 C	9 1000m used, (Sim. 40.00) VF
246 C	9 1000m with tab, used, VF
247 C	9 1000m block of 4 light center cancel (Sim. 160.00), VF ..
248 C	1-6 12 comm. cov., inter. lot, F-VF

DOAR IVRI — PLATE & BLOCKS OF 4

249 *	1 3m Pl. 1 (Sim. #9), OG VF
250 *	1 3m, Pl. 1 (Sim. #10), OG VF
251 *	1 3m, Pl. 1 (Sim. #15), OG VF
252 *	1 3m, Pl. 1 (Sim. #19), NH VF
253 *	1 3m, Pl. 1 (Sim. #21), NH VF
254 *	2 5m, Pl. 2 (Sim. #51), NH VF
255 *	2 5m, Pl. 2 (Sim. #53), NH VF
256 *	2 5m, Pl. 2 (Sim. #54), NH VF
257 *	2 5m, Pl. 2 (Sim. #58), NH VF
258 *	2 5m, Pl. 2 (Sim. #64), NH VF
259 *	3 10m, Pl. 1 (Sim. #72), OG VF
260 *	3 10m, Pl. 1 (Sim. #80), NH VF
261 *	3 10m, Pl. 1 (Sim. #84), OG VF
262 *	3 10m, Pl. 1 (Sim. #87), NH VF
263 *	3 10m, Pl. 1 (Sim. #90), NH VF
264 *	3 10m, Pl. 1 (Sim. #92), NH VF
265 *	4 15m, Pl. 1 (Sim. #97), NH VF
266 *	4 15m, Pl. 1 (Sim. #98), OG VF
267 *	4 15m, Pl. 1 (Sim. #101), VF
268 *	4 15m, Pl. 1 (Sim. #102), NH VF
269 *	4 15m, Pl. 2 (Sim. #108), NH VF
270 *	4 15m, Pl. 2 (Sim. #109), NH VF
271 *	4 15m, Pl. 2 (Sim. #112), NH VF
272 *	4 15m, Pl. 2 (Sim. #113), NH VF
273 *	4 15m, Pl. 2 (Sim. #126), NH VF
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STAMP COMPANY

Min. Bid	Lot #	Description	Min. Bid
2.00	313	27 Same tab block of 4, NH VF	7.00
2.00	314	28-30 Same, tab blocks of 4, NH VF	8.00
15.00	315	28-30 Same, tab blocks of 4, NH VF	15.00
9.00	316	28-30 Same, Pl. # blocks of 4, NH VF	9.00
14.00	317	28-30 Same, Pl. # blocks of 4, NH VF	14.00
3.25	318	31-32 UPU tab blocks of 4, NH VF	3.25
3.00	319	31-32 UPU tab blocks of 4, NH VF	3.00
9.00	320	31-32 Independence II, blocks of 4, NH VF	9.00
25.00	321	33-34 Same tab blocks of 6, NH VF	25.00
17.50	322	33-34 Same Pl. # blocks of 6, NH VF	17.50
3.50	323	35-36 3rd Holiday on favour card ink signed by Syzk, VF	3.50
4.50	324	35-36 Same, FD cov. ink signed by A. Syzk, VF	4.50
13.00	325	35-36 Similar but 3 diff. cities, signed, VF	13.00
2.25	326	35-36 Same, Pl. # blocks of 4, NH F-VF	2.25
7.00	327	37 Maccabiah runner shifted to T on FD cov., VF	7.00
6.00	328	37 Same but shifted to B, VF	6.00
12.50	329	37 Same runner shifted, tab block of 4, NH VF	12.50
6.50	330	37-38 Same, Pl. # blocks of 4, NH VF	6.50
5.75	331	48-50 JNF set on FD cov. red "Gift" cachet, VF	5.75
7.00	332	48-50 Same, tab blocks of 4, NH VF	7.00
4.00	333	48-50 Same, Pl. # blocks of 4, NH VF	4.00
5.00	334	55-57 Menorah, 3 FD cov. diff. cities	5.00
6.00	335	55-57 Simul. FD cov. but invert. date in pmk, VF	6.00
8.50	336	55-57 Same tab, 2 diff. reg. FD cov., VF	8.50
1.65	337	55-57 Same tab block of 4, NH VF	1.65
3.25	338	55-57 Same, Pl. # block of 4, NH VF	3.25
7.50	339	C1-6 First Airm. cpl. NH VF	7.50
2.25	340	C1-6 Same cpl. set incl. 50pr "open head" var on FD cov., VF	2.25
29.00	341	C1-6 Same with tabs, NH VF	29.00
20.00	342	BB C1-6 Same Pl. #1 blocks of 6, NH VF	20.00
1.65	343	BB C1-6 Same Pl. #2 blocks of 6, NH VF	1.65
3.25	344	BB C1-6 Same with tabs, strips of 10, NH VF	3.25
5.00	345	C3var. 40p, double leg var. in pair, NH VF	5.00
3.25	346	C4var. 50p, "open head" var. NH VF	3.25
5.00	347	C7-8 Tab with tabs 3 diff. reg. FD cov., VF	5.00
2.50	348	C7-8 Tab cpl. Pl. # blocks of 4, NH VF	2.50
15.00	349	C7-8 Tab, 2 diff. cities, used, VF	15.00
5.00	350	C7-8 Same Pl. # blocks of 4 on 2 reg. FD cov., VF	5.00
3.75	351	C7-8 Tab tab & Pl. # blocks of 4, NH VF	3.75
9.00	352	C9 1000p, block of 4 used, VF	9.00
9.00	353	C9 1000p, tab block of 4, NH VF	9.00
9.00	354	C9 1000p, Pl. # blocks of 4, NH VF	9.00
9.00	355	C9 1000p, tab, strip of 5, NH VF	9.00
5.00	356	C9 1000p, 11 cop. incl. block of 8 on parcel post form; creased, P.	5.00
3.75	357	CB C10-15 New set, Pl. # blocks of 4, NH VF	3.75
9.50	358	CB C10-15 Same Pl. # blocks of 4 on 6 diff. reg. cov., VF	9.50
9.50	359	CB J1-5 Post. Due I, cpl. sets, NH VF	9.50
38.00	360	CB J1-5 Same used, VF	38.00
42.00	361	CB J1-5 Same, blocks of 4, NH VF	42.00
42.00	362	CB J1-5 Same set, cpl. margin blocks of 4, NH VF	42.00
75.00	363	CB J1-5 Post. Due I, cpl. sets, NH VF	75.00
12.50	364	BBB J1-5 Post. Due I, 3m Pl. # block of 9 (Sim. 21.50), NH VF	12.50
72.50	365	CB J1var. Same, 3m without opt. tied to reg. bkst. cov., VF	72.50
10.00	366	BBB J2 Same 5m, Pl. # block of 6 (Sim. 15.00), NH VF	10.00
16.00	367	BBB J5var. 5m margin pair without opt. 1 sh. kno. NH VF	16.00
7.50	368	BBB J6-11 2nd issue, cpl. in Pl. # blocks of 9, NH F-VF	7.50
4.75	369	BBB J12-20 Same cpl. Pl. # blocks of 4 on 5 FD cov., VF	4.75
2.25	370	BBB J15var. 30p, Pl. # block of 10, scarce gray shade, NH VF	2.25
2.25	371	BBB O1-4 Official cpl. Pl. # & tab blocks of 4, NH VF	2.25

Min. Bid	Lot #	Description	Min. Bid
2.00	411	111var. 25c add. perf. thru B, NH VF	2.00
2.00	412	113var. 75c, add. perf. thru center, NH VF	2.00
2.00	413	113var. Same pair, double perf. betw. st., NH VF	2.00
3.00	414	114var. 1L, add. perf. thru B, NH VF	3.00
3.50	415	116var. 2L, pair double perf. betw. st., NH VF	3.50
4.00	416	117var. 2.50L, pair add. perf. thru B st., NH VF	4.00
3.50	417	118var. 3L, add. perf. thru B of st., NH VF	3.50
2.50	418	120var. 5L, vert. pair, add. perf. thru B st., NH VF	2.50
3.00	419	121var. 10L, add. perf. thru B of st., NH VF	3.00

Min. Bid	Lot #	Description	Min. Bid
4.00	480	111var. 25c vert. pair, NH VF	4.00
3.00	481	112var. Same, 50c pair, NH VF	3.00
2.50	482	112var. 50c add. perf. thru T, NH VF	2.50
5.00	483	113var. 75c TR corner st., NH VF	5.00
5.00	484	116var. 2L vert. pair, add. perf. B st., NH VF	5.00
4.00	485	119var. Same, 4L vert. pair, NH VF	4.00

Min. Bid	Lot #	Description	Min. Bid
2.00	486	110var. 5c vert. pair, NH VF	2.00
2.00	487	111var. 25c, same error, NH VF	2.00
1.75	488	113var. 75c, same error, NH VF	1.75
2.00	489	114var. 1L, same error, NH VF	2.00
5.00	490	115var. 1.50L vert. pair, same error, NH VF	5.00
4.00	491	116var. 2L vert. pair, same error, NH VF	4.00
3.00	492	119var. 4L vert. pair, same error, NH VF	3.00

Min. Bid	Lot #	Description	Min. Bid
4.00	494	114var. 1L, NH VF	4.00
3.50	495	112var. 50c pair add. perf. betw. st., NH VF	3.50
2.00	496	114var. 25c vert. pair, double perf. at T, NH VF	2.00
6.00	497	EBvar. 6L pair, NH VF	6.00
5.00	498	EBvar. Simul. pair, add. perf. thru L st., NH VF	5.00

Min. Bid	Lot #	Description	Min. Bid
5.00	499	112var. 50c pair, NH VF	5.00
6.00	500	120var. 5L pair, same error, NH VF	6.00

Min. Bid	Lot #	Description	Min. Bid
2.00	501	110var. 5c vert. pair, add. perf. thru T st., NH VF	2.00
2.00	502	110var. 5c pair but double perf. at B, NH VF	2.00
2.00	503	111var. 25c vert. pair, double perf. at T, NH VF	2.00
2.00	504	111var. 25c, double perf. at B, NH VF	2.00
3.00	505	113var. 75c vert. pair; double perf. betw. st., NH VF	3.00
2.00	506	114var. 1L vert. pair, double perf. at T, NH VF	2.00
2.00	507	114var. 1L vert. pair, double perf. at B, NH VF	2.00
2.00	508	116var. 2L, pair add. perf. thru T of B st., NH VF	2.00
2.00	509	117var. 2.50L, pair add. perf. thru B st., NH VF	2.00
3.00	510	118var. 3L vert. pair, add. perf. thru B st., NH VF	3.00
2.00	511	120var. 5L, pair, double perf. thru L st., NH VF	2.00
2.50	512	EBvar. Spec. Del. 6L add. perf. B st., NH VF	2.50
2.25	513	EBvar. 12L vert. pair, double perf. at T, NH VF	2.25

Min. Bid	Lot #	Description	Min. Bid
10.00	514	113 var. 75c vert. pair imperf. betw., NH VF	10.00
10.00	515	114a 1L vert. pair imperf. betw., NH VF	10.00
12.00	516	middle st., NH VF	12.00
10.00	517	115var. 1.50L vert. pair imperf. betw., NH VF	10.00
10.00	518	118var. Same 3L vert. pair, NH VF	10.00
18.50	519	118var. 3L vert. strip of 5 with 3 B st. imperf. holo., NH VF	18.50

Min. Bid	Lot #	Description	Min. Bid
120.00	520	BB 119var. 4L, strip of 10 with gus of 4, F-VF	120.00
18.50	521	only 8 known, NH VF	18.50
18.50	522	121a 10L pair imperf. betw., NH VF	18.50

Min. Bid	Lot #	Description	Min. Bid
7.20	523	BB 122-31:EI1-2 Basilicas cpl. blocks of 4, NH VF (14.72)	7.20
7.00	524	BB 122-31:EI1-2 Same, used, VF (14.32)	7.00
3.00	525	BB 122-31:EI1-2 20 diff. cpl. sets on 22 cachet, FD cov. VF	3.00
3.00	526	BB 132-39 Holy Year, cpl. blocks of 4, NH VF (5.84)	3.00
3.20	527	BB 132-39 Same, used, blocks of 4, VF (6.36)	3.20
8.00	528	BB 140-148 3 cpl. sets, blocks of 4, NH VF	8.00
5.00	529	BB 143-48 2 cpl. sets, used blocks, VF	5.00
4.00	530	BB 149-53 Calchedon blocks of 4, NH VF	4.00
4.25	531	BB 149-53 Same used, VF	4.25
3.00	532	BB 154-57.55a 3 diff. blocks of 4, Souv. Sheet, VF	3.00
3.50	533	BB 154-57.55a same used, VF	3.50
12.50	534	BB 156-7 M. Goretti FD cov. signed by artist; 6 exist, VF	12.50
2.00	535	BB 156-7 Same on FD cov., VF	2.00
3.25	536	BB 156-7 Same, used, VF	3.25
35.00	537	BB 158-68:EI3-14 Specimen, cpl. set, NH VF	35.00
4.50	538	BB 158-68:EI3-14 Popes, cpl. blocks of 4, NH VF	4.50
8.00	539	BB 169-191 8 cpl. issues, blocks of 4, NH VF	8.00
8.00	540	BB 169-191 same used, F-VF	8.00
5.00	541	BB B1-4 Semi Postal cpl. set blocks of 4, VF	5.00
7.00	542	BB B1-4 Same, used, VF (17.80)	7.00
18.50	543	BB B1-4 Same, blocks of 4 on reg. cov. to US, VF	18.50

Min. Bid	Lot #	Description	Min. Bid
3.50	544	C1-8 F. Airmail cpl. on FI, FD cov. VF	3.50
2.00	545	BB C1-8 Same blocks of 4, F-VF (5.52)	2.00
2.60	546	BB C1-8 Same, blocks of 4 used, F-VF (7.00)	2.60
20.00	547	BB C1-8 Blocks of 4 on reg. cov. VF	20.00
17.00	548	BB C1-23 Airmails cpl. NH VF (27.60)	17.00
1.00	549	BB C20-31 Graziano cpl. blocks of 4, NH VF	1.00
2.50	550	BB C9-15 Hind issue cpl. blocks of 4, NH VF (5.04)	2.50
4.00	551	BB C9-15, 20-21 2 cpl. sets on 2 FD cov., VF	4.00
2.50	552	BB C9var. 1L margin pair, double perf. at R, NH VF	2.50
5.00	553	BB C16-17 Archangel Raphael cpl. on reg. cov., VF	5.00
1.00	554	BB C20-31 Same, used, VF	1.00
3.25	555	BB C22-23 Last issue, NH VF (5.25)	3.25
2.75	556	BB C22-23 Same used, VF (4.50)	2.75
6.50	557	BB E1-28 Specimen, Spec. Del. 2L, 2.50L, OG F-VF	6.50
2.00	558	BB E3var. 2L center shifted to B, NH VF	2.00
2.00	559	BB E3var. Similar L, 3.50, NH VF	2.00
2.00	560	BB E6var. Same, cov. 4, parchment paper, NH VF	2.00
3.00	561	BB E6 Same, 5L center overlapping B tablet, NH VF	3.00

Min. Bid	Lot #	Description	Min. Bid
2.50	562	BB J1-6 I Issue cpl. set on leaflet, VF	2.50
6.00	563	BB J1-6 Same cpl. set Pl. # blocks of 4, NH VF	6.00
5.50	564	BB J1-6 Same 5 blocks, control "A" exc. #4 (not existing), NH VF	5.50
5.00	565	BB J1-6 Same blocks of 4, used, VF (10.80)	5.00
5.00	566	BB J2var. 10c block of 4, frame shifted to L, VF	5.00
6.00	567	BB J2a 10c block of 4, used, only 1 sheet known, VF	6.00
6.00	568	BB J6 1.10L major plate var. in block of 4, NH VF	6.00
2.85	569	BB J7-12var. 2nd issue redrawn, VF	2.85
4.50	570	BB J7var. 5c imperf. L margin copy, NH VF	4.50
7.50	571	BB J8var. 20c imperf. margin copy, NH VF	7.50
1.00	572	BB J9var. 20c, double perf. B, NH VF	1.00
1.75	573	BB J9var. 80c add. perf. thru middle of B, NH VF	1.75
3.50	574	BB J9var. 80c redrawn, imperf. at R, NH VF	3.50
2.50	575	BB J10var. 1L margin copy imperf. R, NH VF	2.50
1.50	576	BB J10var. 1L, double perf. B, NH VF	1.50
1.50	577	BB J10var. 1L background shifted T, NH VF	1.50
14.00	578	BB J10var. 1L vert. pair imperf. betw., NH VF	14.00
2.50	579	BB J11var. 2L, margin copy, imperf. B, NH VF	2.50
5.50	580	BB J11var. 2L pair, imperf. L, NH VF	5.50
3.50	581	BB J11var. 2L vert. pair background shifted to B, NH VF	3.50
10.00	582	BB J12var. 5L margin pair, imperf. vert., NH VF	10.00
16.50	583	BB J12var. 5L block of 4, T pair imperf. vert B pair imperf. 3 sides, NH VF	16.50
4.25	584	BB J12a 5L imperf. margin copy, NH VF (7.50)	4.25
17.50	585	BB J12a 5L imperf. margin block of 4, NH VF (30.00)	17.50
5.00	586	BB Q1-15 Parcel Post cpl. set, blocks of 4, NH VF (10.56)	5.00
50.00	587	BB Q1-15 Same bks of 4 on FD cov. (center fold.) othw., VF	50.00

Min. Bid	Lot #	Description	Min. Bid
35.00	588	BB 19-27, 32-34: E3-4 5c-20L incl. spec. Del. 14 diff. sheets Pl. # margin marks (79.00)	35.00
8.50	589	BB 23var. 25c bluish paper on front (100)	8.50
4.50	590	BB 23var. 25c previous but reverse bluish paper (100)	4.50
495.00	591	BB 41-46 Cpl. set in full sheets of 50; scarce (632.50)	495.00
4.85	592	BB 42 Same 10c (50) (15.00)	4.85
250.00	593	BB 47-54 Cpl. set in full sheets (50), scarce (507.50)	250.00
37.50	594	BB 47-48, 50-52-54 Cath. Press, 6 sheets of 50 (62.50)	37.50
16.50	595	BB 62-63, 65-67 Interregnum, 5 full sheets (100) (52.00)	16.50
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The word organ does not at all mean the instrument like that used in our churches today. St. Augustine tells us there was a time when all musical instruments were called organs. The first idea of a wind instrument was suggested by wind blowing across the open ends of broken reeds, then the discovery that different length reeds gave different sounds.

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Music, both vocal and instrumental, was used in the religious services of the Hebrews. Up until the time of David the king, there was no systematic cultivation of music among them, but the establishments of schools of the prophets supplied this want.

David chose 4000 musicians, 288 trained as leaders, 1 Chron. 25: 6,7. The whole number was divided into 24 bands, each consisting of 154 musicians with 12 specially trained leaders, and a conductor. The leaders played on cymbals (know of a stamp?), perhaps to mark time. These great choirs answered one to another in responsive singing.

The harp was the favorite instrument of Egypt, used as far back as 1470 B.C. (Spanish Guinea No. 324; Estonia No. 114; Italy No. C80.) 1 Chron. 15:24—"the priests did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God."

In ancient times the straight trumpet was reserved for the priests. (Russia No. 662; Croatia No. B13).

The trumpet (shophar) in the form of an animal's horn, even when made of metal, originated in the use of horns of cattle. (France No. 317).

1 Chron. 13:8 "And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries (Ingermanland No. 14, zither later form of psalterie) and with timbrels." (Portugal No. 676).

Through the Christian church our music experienced its earliest awakening—early Christians sang in their assemblies. They took their Psalms from the Jews, but very soon they created their own hymns. Early church services were of an improvisatory and spontaneous character depending on the Spirit to move individuals to testify.

When the Christians ceased to be a persecuted sect, and were able to openly express their religion, they received many rich and learned followers. Large basilicas were built which required an ordered and fitting ritual with accompanying music. Eventually song was thought of as a part of the office of prayer, and was transferred from the congregation to a choir composed of clericals. (Belgium No. B291).

By the close of the 6th century the Roman liturgy had been completed, and had been given a musical setting in the form of unison chants. The Greeks made the first systematic attempt to produce a system of permanent notation—musical notes in the form of Greek letters chiseled into stone tablets.

The convents and monasteries were the centers of culture of church music. St. Benedict founded 12 monasteries, in which much time was spent in music research. (Italy No. 238; Belgium No. B448, B449).

Gregory the Great revised, selected, composed and noted a great number of chant melodies which became the model for the whole western church, and are still used by the Catholics. They were recorded with queer signs called neumes, which resemble modern shorthand characters, written above the words—not to indicate pitch but to suggest the rising and falling of the voice.

A monk, now unknown, invented a red line which represented a fixed tone, and placed neumes above and below it to indicate higher and lower pitch. A second line, colored green or yellow, was added to indicate an interval of a 5th above the 1st line. The 1st line was F, and the added line indicated C. The use of colored lines was not long continued.

In the 11th century Guido d'Arrezzo (Italy No. 541) devised a four line staff and used both lines and the spaces between them to indicate pitch. A fifth line was added by the 13th century, and lines and spaces were filled with black squares of different sizes, in place of neumes. Before the 11th century no

manuscripts show exact intervals. Singers had to spend up to nine years in learning by heart the cycle of melodies for the whole year.

Measured music is allied to the Cathedrals of the Gothic period. The great musical center of this period was the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris. (France No. B217). The new style, called descant, employed different counter melodies against the same theme.

Popular dance melodies with strongly marked rhythms began to enter church music, and variations of time are recognized.

In the 13th century, Meistersingers consisted of members of the burgher class, organized into guilds. Those who could invent new melodies were called as Masters, (Bohemia & Moravia No. 85) those who could not as yet read music fluently, as pupils. (Deutsches Reich No. B52). The melodies of Protestant churches were influenced by Meistersongs.

At the opening of the Cathedral at Florence on March 24, 1436, Gabrieli placed four choirs of voices and instruments in different parts of the basilica. So much had the secular spirit triumphed everywhere that the Mass and Vespers were apt to be social occasions enlivened by concerts.

In 1526 Erasmus (Netherland No. B89) complained of churches reverberating with the sound of flutes, pipes, trumpets and trombones; and brass and drums accompanying the Sanctus.

Martin Luther restored to the ordinary man, or congregation, the rights of which they had been deprived ever since the establishment of singing schools in the 4th century. He organized the Reformed Church on the basis of community singing. The music to be considered a means for underlining Evangelical truths, rather than to give pleasure. Choir singing was retained but not exalted above congregational singing. Luther's hymns are noted, not for new forms, but for new spirit. (Saar No. B83; Germany No. B89).

John Calvin in France was even more afraid of music giving pleasure, and attempted to do what Luther had done for Germany—to arrange suitable melodies for Calvinistic congregations. He allowed no hymns except metrical versions of the Psalms.

Heinrich Schutz' main activity lay in the field of church music. His greatest works came in his old age. (Germany No. 456). He renounced all instruments and put the narrative portions into neo-Gregorian chant, the chorus being a cappella. In these works Schutz might be a Catholic or a Protestant interpreting the Bible histories with simplicity and purity of utterance, demonstrating that music can transcend denominational differences.

During the 16th century the congregational singing was accompanied by the choir (Romania No. 795; Germany No. B317). About 1600 the organ took the place of the choir in this office.

The modern Anthem of mixed solo and chorus music is an English invention dating from the latter part of the 17th century.

Puritanism was the extreme phase of the reaction against Romanism. Vestments were abolished, choirs disbanded, service books and organs destroyed. The loss in church libraries cannot be estimated. (United States No. 777). In the church service, up to 1750, was a practice known as "Deaconing" or "lining out". The deacon would rap with his knuckles on a brass candlestick or a curtain rod, and he would set the key to the resulting tone. Then from the five tunes, he would strike up the one he thought best suited the psalm for the day. The deacon would sing one line at a time, which was repeated after him by the congregation.

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DISCONTINUED

Another OHIO precancel using town was discontinued March 31. It was OUTVILLE in Licking County. Like Weilersville, this is one of the real old towns in the state. It was thriving in the Civil War days being on one of the first railroads in Central OHIO.

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Almost every issue of the Postal Bulletin lists several towns from the different states that are being closed. Many of them are now using, or have in the past, used precancels. So I am just waiting till I hear from the collector who is only collecting precancels from discontinued towns. It would be quite a list right now.

THIS AND THAT.

Stanley Owen of Detroit shows me an 8c Liberty in the new Taunton Mass type. Also a 2c Liberty from Galesburg, Mich. with the BSP date.

Also C. A. Meitzer of Mt. Clemens, Mich. tells me he has an 8c Liberty and also and 8c Prexy from Taunton, Mass in the new electro. I imagine the 8c Prexy will be the scarcest of the two.

Both collectors tell me that the Cameo Cleaner Co., or something like that has a coupon deal where a wrapper and so much money gets you a pan and a precancel, if you are lucky. Sure a tough way to get a precancel but then maybe in the process you can please the little woman too, which would be something in some cases.

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POD Participation In Chicago ASDA Show

The Post Office Department has indicated that it will participate fully in the ASDA Midwest Postage Stamp Show in Chicago, May 13 to 15, at the Palmer House. This is the event which will attract stamp collectors from a number of the central states to the nation's second largest city for the three-day philatelic frolic.

While no stamp first day has been awarded for the event, the POD will use a special cancellation at the temporary exhibition post office to be impressed on all mail deposited there.

Also on sale there will be the same stamps which are in stock at the philatelic agency in Washington, D. C. at face value.

Priceless stamps contained in the Post Office Department's exhibition frames will be present for visitors to view, the Department having consented to co-operate with its well known display.

One of the films to be shown in the Lecture Hall series of programs will include the POD's "Pigeon Holes and Progress".

CHURCH MUSIC (Continued from page 12)

The Quakers (U. S. No. 724) were to music in Pennsylvania, what the Puritans were in New England, and went a step further in disapproving of any music whatsoever.

The hymn of ancient times was a poem written in memory of heroes or addressed to the gods. In ancient Israel the words hymn and psalm were practically interchangeable. The modern hymn is a composition divided into stanzas or verses, expressive of adoration or lofty emotion, the chief essentials of which are praise and prayer to God.

The first group of hymns in the English language were those translated from the Latin. The first English hymn book was issued 1623.

After the Revolutionary War denominational activity in the production of hymns was intense. The first official hymnal issued by the Protestant Episcopal Church was in 1789. Methodists in 1790, Baptists 1790, Unitarians 1795, Congregationalists 1799, and Presbyterians 1828.

Some of the best and most popular hymn tunes were written by the world's greatest musical composers:

Martin Luther (Germany No. 689) "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Johann S. Bach (Germany No. 457) "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Georg F. Handel (Germany No. 458) "Joy To The World"

Joseph Haydn (Austria No. B50) "O Worship The King"

Ludwig Beethoven (Austria No. B52) "Where Cross The Crowded Ways"

Wolfgang Mozart (Germany No. B200) "Jesus I My Cross Have Taken"

Hans O. Nagelli (Switzerland No. B81) "Blest Be The Tie"

Franz Gruber, Josef Mohr (Austria No. A137) "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Charles F. Gounod (France No. B174) "Ave Maria"

C. M. Von Weber (Germany, Russian Zone, No. 10N102) "My Jesus As Thou Wilt"

Ethelbert Nevin (U. S. No. 883) "The Rosary"

Jean Sibelius (Finland No. 249) "Eternal Spirit Evermore Creating"

John Henry Cardinal Newman (Ireland No. 1954) "Lead Kindly Light"

Hymns are poems, set to music: "Dear Lord and Father of Man-kind", by Whittier (U. S. No. 865)

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day", by Longfellow (U. S. No. 864)

"Once to Every Man and Nation", by Lowell (U. S. No. 866)

"My God I Love Thee", by Xavier (Spain No. C138)

Dear Lord, Kind Lord, Gracious Lord, I Pray", Riley (U. S. No. 868).

"Lord Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace" by St. Francis Italy No. 183)

Austria has recently issued a beautiful stamp in honor of the Second International Congress for Catholic Church Music, held in Vienna, from October 4 to 10, 1954.

It shows a trumpet-playing cherub in the foreground and in the rear the highly ornate organ of the Monastery of St. Florian, near Linz, in Upper Austria, where Anton Bruckner (Austria No. SP13), "the Musician of God" played his fine oratorios and under which he is now buried. This stamp, bearing reference as it does to Church Music in particular makes a most fitting trispiece to a collection of Church Music on Stamps.

Bolivian Postal Tax Stamp Now In Bronze

The "bite" Bolivia's postal administration puts on the citizenry to raise funds for the Communications Employees Fund doesn't get any less or fier to take financially. This postal taxation



began in 1939 with a 5c stamp is now up to 3 Bolivars and has been as high as 5Bs.

V. Reznicek of La Paz, Bolivia advises that the new 1955 postal tax stamp for the above named cause is the same in design as last year's but now in a bronze color.

BIBLE AND GEOGRAPHY (Continued from page 1)

it Rum Cay. Then and only then did he begin naming islands for his royal patrons and their country.

Having done this latter duty on his first voyage he was free to name as he pleased on his second, except that on his first stormy homeward trip he had vowed, and later taken a six pound wax candle to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

"Name an island for our monastery on your next trip," the monks has begged.

He now sighted his first new island on Sunday, so Dominica, Sunday Land, it became. Next, "for love of the ship on which he sailed," the second Santa Maria, he named Mariagallante, Mary the Gallant. It later became Marie Galante. The French also changed his group of small islands, Todos los Santos. All the Saints, to Les Saintes. Then remembering his promise, came Santa Maria de Guadalupe, now Guadeloupe.

At Montserrat in Spain, says legend, the saw-toothed mountains were split at the time of the crucifixion. Here, too, legendarily, was King Arthur's mystical castle of the Holy Grail. In Columbus' day half a million pilgrims a year climbed the steep slopes to the monastic shrine which housed the famous Black Virgin, said to have been carved by Saint Luke himself. So the next island became Santa Maria de Monserrate, now shortened to Montserrat.

From its northern end he sighted and named, but did not visit, Santa Maria la Antigua, honoring a famed miracle-working madonna in Seville Cathedral, where he had prayed before starting this voyage. Antigua it now is.

Next, passing a small rounded rock in the sea, he possibly remembered the ancient circular church in Rome, wrested from pagan gods and rededicated to the Virgin, St. Mary Rotunda.

Certainly he remembered that Christmas was just two weeks ahead, and that a week before Christmas came the Feast of the Expectation, called by Spaniards the Feast of Our Lady of the O, not in allusion to her advanced pregnancy, but "because on that day the clerics in the choir used to utter a loud and protracted 'O', to express the longing of the universe for the coming of the Redeemer." Santa Maria la Rotunda, he called the rounded islet.

It was now the vigil of St. Martin of Tours, who had divided his cloak with a beggar, so Columbus named his next island San Martin. His successors moved that name to an island sixty miles ahead, and renamed this Nuestra Señora de las Nieves, Our Lady of the Snows, not because of the climate, but reminiscent of a miraculous August snowfall in Rome, given as a sign to denote where the Virgin wished her church Santa Maria Maggiore to be built. This is the present island of Nevis.

Then came San Jorge (now St. Kitts), Santa Anastasia (now named by the Dutch, St. Eustatius) and San Cristobal, a hump-backed island looking like a man carrying a child on his back. This name, as noted above, was transferred back to Columbus' island of St. George, and shortened to St. Kitts.

Columbus' San Cristobal became Saba (Sheba). Two days later he sighted and named for the Holy Cross the island known as St. Croix, or Santa Cruz.

Yet two more days and he reached a group of forty-six islands he named for St. Ursula and her eleven thousand virgins—the Virgin Islands, including St. John and St. Thomas.

Four days later he landed at a large island which he named for John the Baptist, San Juan Bautista, which we know as

Puerto Rico.

On his third voyage he determined to name the first land he sighted for the Holy Trinity, and so when three mountain peaks appeared he thought it a sign from heaven, and named their island Trinidad. Then sighting a point on the mainland, but thinking it merely another island, he called it Holy Island, Ysla Sancta.

Then came two islands he named for the Assumption (Asuncion) and the Conception (La Concepcion). Asuncion was Grenada, and La Concepcion was probably only a low-lying cloud.

On his fourth and final voyage he battled a storm along the mainland coast for twenty-eight days, averaging six miles a day. Seeing the cliffs rising sheer from the sea he quoted the psalmist, "Out of the depths (hondo)," so we have Honduras.

When he reached at last a cape where the shoreline changed and he could sail before the wind, he named it Gracias a Dios, Thank-God Cape. Christmas day, he spent in the harbor where the Panama Canal now makes its start.

January 6, the Feast of the Three Kings, he anchored at a river and tried to start a town, Santa Maria de Belen (Bethlehem), from which he was glad to turn back for badly needed repairs. This ended his venturing.

Columbus was typical of his kind. In July 1497, Portugal's Vasco da Gama on the San Gabriel, accompanied by the San Raphael and San Miguel, sailed for the tip of Africa in an effort of find a seaway to India. On Christmas day, after fearful storms, they sighted land, which they joyously named Natal for His natal day.

The philatelist's quest might then lead him to go with Cabral in 1500 to his supposedly chance discovery of Brazil, which he first sighted at Mount Pascal and named Terra da Vera Cruz, Land of the True Cross.

Or to Magellan's fleet of the Trinidad, San Antonio, Santiago, Concepcion, and Vittoria (Our Lady of Victory) past the tip of South America, enroute westward around the world. After nearly four famine-ridden months they sighted an island which they named for Saint Paul. A month later they found on St. Lazarus' day, an island group they named for Lazarus, which we call the Philippines.

Or to Alvaro de Mendana's Ships Los Reyes and Todos Santos, the Magi and All the Saints, to find the Solomon Islands, which later were lost so long.

Or to Dutch Jacob Roggeveen's ships as he discovered Easter Island. Or he might go with the Englishman James Cook in his discovery of Christmas Island.

The philatelist might well pause at the Island of Ascension, Central America's El Salvador, or the state of Florida, so named from its discovery in the Flowery Easter time of the year.

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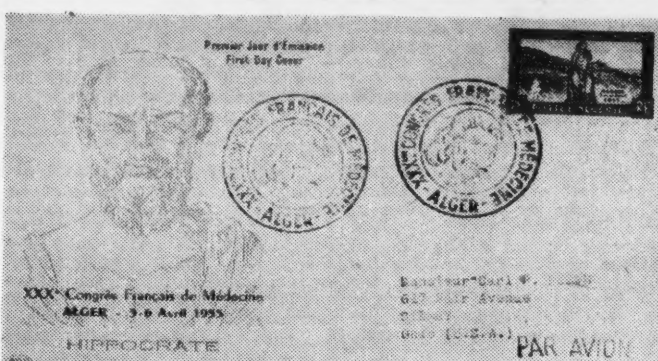
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Dealer ★ ★ Doings

S. L. Bayer of the Penny Black Stamp Co. in New York City has asked Linn's to forward his sincere thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy he received from the readers of this paper on the death of his wife. He stated it was most encouraging to him and his family that so many friends and customers spent the necessary few minutes to write.

Collectors are always seeking sources of material for one kind of specialty or another. If they seek World War II covers, Rev. A. Deimel, P. O. Box 186, West Palm Beach, Fla. can help them. His stock includes Nazi stamps and cancels, and German-occupied Holland, France, Russia, Luxembourg, Lithuania, Norway, Ukraine, Trieste, Czechoslovakia and Italy.

A 1955 "Price List of Used United States Stamps" is available from Cleveland Cady, Tenafly, N. J. Offerings begin with the 1847's and continue right to the 8c Rotary of 1955. Besides Confederates and Possessions there are the Postage Dues, Special Deliveries, Officials, Revenues, Parcel Post and Canal Zone. He also has a "Space Fillers" list of U. S.

Collectors interested in getting entertainment and stamps for their collections from mixtures are the ones who should investigate the "Mixture A Month Club". Details about the organization can be gotten from Alvin James Fairbrook, 133-21 Blossom Ave., Flushing 55, N. Y. Through quantity buying it is expected to get members better than ordinary material.

Because of circumstances beyond his control, Matthew Bennett, 2995 Cortland, Detroit 6, Mich. advises that it will not be possible for his firm to stage an auction in May. His next mail sale has been scheduled for June 1 and will contain material which will attract a lot of general interest. The auction will be printed in the May 16 edition.

Sole distributor in the United States of the SAFE Hingeless Stamp Album is the Columbia Philatelic Supply, Inc., 282 Seventh Ave., New York 1, N. Y. The company claims that stamps are kept safely without damage regardless of the weather and humidity conditions. A request for further information can be directed to the firm which has lists to send.

Just about everything which in any way could have a philatelic tie-in, plus stamps, covers and accessories, is to be found in the comprehensive catalog for stamp collectors issued by the Tatham Stamp & Coin Co., Springfield, Mass. There are a lot of dress-up pieces which one can add to his albums and others which are unique and eye-catching. It is free.

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A typographical error occurred in the ad of the Tribune Stamp Co., P. O. Box 173, Ansonia Sta., New York 23, N. Y. in

the March 14 edition. The offering of Trans-Jordan No. RA-23-4 was incorrectly priced and should have been \$6.28. Currently the firm is featuring the Rotary anniversary issues of the world's countries, plus sets issued for the Marian Year.

New Stamp Group Organized In Chicago

A new stamp collecting group in the Chicago area was recently organized under the name of the Midway Stamp Club. It will be especially convenient to those living in the southwest section of the city.

Anthony Banasiak was chosen as the first president. Other officers are vice president, Joseph Dill; treasurer Joseph A. Banasiak; secretary Sigmund Bor, 5326 S. Laramie, Chicago 38, Ill.

Meetings are called for 8 p. m. on the first and third Wednesdays at 5718 Archer Ave. Interested persons are invited to attend.

Fernandez Chosen U.S.C.S. President

Now head of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society for the next two years is Anthony C. Fernandez of Camden, N. J. He succeeds Tazewell G. Nicholson of Norfolk, Va. Mr. Fernandez had served as vice president for the past two years.

Alfred H. Dowle is the new vice president; and Sidney Fingerhood, secretary.

Members are interested in cancellations of all kinds which originate on ships. News about the specialty, and club members, is contained in the regular bulletin, the "U. S. C. S. Log".

Catalog Listing Suggestions Invited

Minkus Publications, producers of albums, catalogs and other philatelic literature and supplies, has announced that work is in progress on a new World-Wide Catalog, which, according to reports, will be an entirely new departure in catalog making.

The size of the undertaking can be estimated by the announcement that over 25 major philatelic groups have already volunteered to assist in the preparation of the book, along with dozens of leading experts and specialists.

In order to broaden the base of the book, Minkus Publications recently took full page advertisements in the philatelic press to invite study groups, dealers, and collectors with special knowledge to contribute their catalog ideas. The permanent staff is headed by George A. Tlamsa who is the editor of albums such as the Supreme Global, Master Global, and others.

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Although Scott's catalog gives the names of Poland's stamp types A41 and A109 at Wawel Castle, the prominent part of the design pictures the Wawel Cathedral. The Castle adjoining the cathedral is in the background on the stamps.

Wawel is a rock hill situated on the left bank of the Vistula River. It was a fortified seat of Polish kings and dukes from the very dawn of the nation's history. The present Romanesque cathedral, the third erected upon this spot, was begun in 1320 by Nanker, bishop of Cracow and finished in 1346.

The first was consecrated in 1110 and the second around 1220.

Its facade is very modest. In the middle there is a 12-petalled Gothic rose window—a Romanesque tower is on the southern side; to the north is the clock-tower built by Cardinal Zbigniew Olesnicki. Further and adjoining the north wall is a third steeple with a bell cast in 1520.

In the center of the edifice is a huge baldachin of wrought silver plates, built in the 17th century over the coffin containing the body of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, the patron saint of Poland. In both of the side aisles, and all along the nave which goes around the choir, chapels have been erected at various periods. There are 19 of these.

In the treasury there are many extremely precious works of art, among them a chasuble made in 1504 adorned with scenes from the life of St. Stanislaus.

The cathedral served as a coronation church of Polish kings. A special feature of the ceremony was a solemn penitential procession to a neighboring Skalka church where St. Stanislaus had been murdered by a Polish King. In the lower church of the cathedral is a Romanesque crypt, the tomb where most of Poland's kings lie buried.

Originally the cathedral was dedicated to the Holy Saviour, later it was called Saint Wenceslaus. It is now the Cathedral of Saint Stanislaus, bishop and martyr.

Need Material For Shut-In Program

A little over a year ago the Universal Ship Cancellation Society sent an appeal to all collectors to assist them to obtain material to be given to the veterans and shut-ins. The response was very good but once again the U.S.C.S. asks the aid of all who have any duplicate stamps, covers, and any other philatelic material which can be used by the veterans in hospitals and at home.

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COROS

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Many examples smaller than that can be found.

A number of collectors disdain to collect such small examples of their chosen topical but a good rule, followed by many, is that if the item (church, for example) is recognizable — if only under a glass — then it is worthy to be collected. In other words, if the designer and engraver have gone to the trouble and effort to engrave the image — no matter how small — so that it can be recognized, then it should be collectable.

The second airmail issue of Denmark is a good example of this. Type A2, showing towers of Copenhagen, has in it the spires of three churches. The one to the extreme right, between the border of the stamp and the tablet of value, is the spire of Vor Frelser's Kirke (Church of Our Redeemer).

This spire is unique because there is a spiral staircase running around the outside of it leading to a statue of Christ on the top. The engraver could have engraved any sort of a spire here. It would have been easier and no one would have criticized if he had engraved a plain pointed spire. But a few extra hours work and the spiral staircase was tooled into place and is clearly visible on the stamp thus identifying this as the particular spire that it is.

Surely this can be added to a collection of churches, if only in honor of the skill of the engraver. The foregoing leads us naturally

ally to the fly-speck specialist. We're all familiar with the collector who examines his stamps with a thirty power glass and is ever so delighted to find a wart on George Washington's nose in the 2nd stamp in the upper left pane of plate 19185 and that the third row of dots in the left spandrel on stamp 27 has only six dots instead of seven. Well, even this individual would not be lost in the field of Religion on Stamps. Imagine his delight when he discovers the Cathedral of Bermuda on type A15. (It's the building with the points on the corners of the tower.)

Or wait till his practiced eye falls on the angel on Honduras AP58. (It's in the dead center of the stamp.)

The collector who passed up stamps years ago in favor of covers and cancellations has a bounteous field awaiting him in religious cancellations. Other nations of the world who long ago realized the advantages of producing colorful stamps have also pioneered the way in producing pictorial cancellations in infinite variety to please the eye. (Of course they are seldom found on stamps because that would not please the stamp collectors.)

Germany, Austria, and Spain, have for years led the way in these pictorial cancellations. In recent years, Sweden, Switzerland, and the countries of South America have joined the parade. One can find as many sub-topics of religion (and other topicals) as there are on stamps. Madonnas abound. Saints, crosses, and Christian symbolism are plentiful and churches are well represented.

There are non-pictorial cancellations, too. Canada has a nice bilingual "Observe Sunday" cancellation which reminds us of the second Commandment. U. S. slogan cancel collectors recently added a religious slogan to their collections: "Evanston Welcomes World Council of Churches". Some of them may remember the one from Manila: "XXXIII International Eucharistic Congress/Feb. 3-7, 1937, Manila, Philippines".

The collector of U. S. town marks has an open field. A member of COROS has a complete collection of U. S. town marks of names mentioned in the Bible. Mounted with the appropriate passage from the Bible alongside for reference, this makes a very interesting and unique showing of what can be done with a little initiative.

A collection of postal marking of the Holy Land itself could well be formed and connected with Biblical history to form a prize winning collection. Cancellations from such familiar towns as Bethlehem, Jericho, Nazareth, and Jerusalem, are available on current covers.

Most precancel enthusiasts have many religious stamps in their collections. If you have St. Louis, Mo., or St. Augustine, Fla., or any of the California "San's", you have them. And don't forget Corpus Christi, Texas, and La Crosse, Wis. Collections of these are not too hard to complete, though some items may be elusive.

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The collector who delights in a complete collection of one country has two low-cost potentials in the only two stamp issuing nations whose entire stamp production falls within the scope of religion on stamps — Israel and Vatican City. Every stamp issued by the Vatican has a religious connection. That goes without saying.

Many stamps of Israel have no religious connotation other than the word "Israel", but that is enough to bring the entire country's stamps into the religious stamp album. However, it should be pointed out that collections of these two countries can not be considered in the religious category unless they are especially written up to bring attention to the religious aspect.

Maximum card enthusiasts are already enjoying a combination of philatelic activities in the field of religion on stamps. The maximum card collector goes further than his stamp collecting brother. He must have not only the stamp but also a picture card of the design, or related item, and tied together with an appropriate cancellation. He has in his collection some of the most artistically beautiful of all philatelic items.

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No topical collector should overlook maximum cards and no maximum card collector should overlook topicals and, of course, religion offers a wider field than many other topicals because religious cancellations are more prevalent than most other topical cancellations.

Postal stationery is a field which has been long neglected by collectors, topical and otherwise. Probably a good many postal stationery collectors are neglecting topicals, too. Each field could discover new possibilities in the other. Most of us are familiar with the 1895 St. Anthony set of Portugal. But how many know that there was also a postal card issued at the same time showing St. Anthony preaching to the fishes. It is a beautiful card and far from rare.

The scene is different and clearer than on the stamp. It sets itself off well on a page devoted to St. Anthony, or can well form the cornerstone of a collection of religion on postal stationery.

A Polish set of 1933 shows 32 scenes from the Life of Christ. Belgium's Orval Abbey — honored many times on beautiful stamps — will be found on a set of six postal cards issued in 1929.

Many religious edifices and saints which have been shown on stamps also appear on postal stationery. Likewise many saints will be found on postal stationery who have never been portrayed on a stamp. During the late twenties and early thirties Germany issued numerous sets of pictorial postal cards, many of which show churches and cathedrals not found on stamps.

Other countries — even Canada and Belgian Congo — have their own contributions in this same line. Indeed, a fertile field for the topical collector lies in postal stationery. It is only the lack of an up-to-date catalog of the material available that keeps postal stationery a mystery to the topicalist.

Local stamps and stamps of private posts are being collected more than ever, today. Serious philatelists have long studied these items and serious topicalists are not overlooking them either — as their promoters well know — and religion is far from being the topical least concerned with these.

The collector of mint U. S. — he mustn't be left out! He who isn't interested in a stamp unless it's on blue paper bearing an internal revenue watermark with a Shermack perforation thrown in for good measure, will probably be surprised to learn that there is some religious connotation on over fifty U. S. stamps. For those who doubt this a complete checklist will be found on another page in this paper.

Although only two U. S. stamps have been issued with a definite religious motive, religion is still the largest topical group to be found on U. S. stamps, and includes such unexpected items as a Spanish Cardinal, a Catholic Saint, a Jewish Rabbi, and an oriental religious symbol.

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Although Scott's catalog gives the names of Poland's stamp types A41 and A109 at Wawel Castle, the prominent part of the design pictures the Wawel Cathedral. The Castle adjoining the cathedral is in the background on the stamps.

Wawel is a rock hill situated on the left bank of the Vistula River. It was a fortified seat of Polish kings and dukes from the very dawn of the nation's history. The present Romanesque cathedral, the third erected upon this spot, was begun in 1320 by Nanker, bishop of Cracow and finished in 1346.

The first was consecrated in 1110 and the second around 1220.

Its facade is very modest. In the middle there is a 12-petalled Gothic rose window—a Romanesque tower is on the southern side; to the north is the clock-tower built by Cardinal Zbigniew Olesnicki. Further and adjoining the north wall is a third steeple with a bell cast in 1520.

In the center of the edifice is a huge baldachin of wrought silver plates, built in the 17th century over the coffin containing the body of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, the patron saint of Poland. In both of the side aisles, and all along the nave which goes around the choir, chapels have been erected at various periods. There are 19 of these.

In the treasury there are many extremely precious works of art, among them a chasuble made in 1504 adorned with scenes from the life of St. Stanislaus.

The cathedral served as a coronation church of Polish kings. A special feature of the ceremony was a solemn penitential procession to a neighboring Skalka church where St. Stanislaus had been murdered by a Polish King. In the lower church of the cathedral is a Romanesque crypt, the tomb where most of Poland's kings lie buried.

Originally the cathedral was dedicated to the Holy Saviour, later it was called Saint Wenceslaus. It is now the Cathedral of Saint Stanislaus, bishop and martyr.

Need Material For Shut-In Program

A little over a year ago the Universal Ship Cancellation Society sent an appeal to all collectors to assist them to obtain material to be given to the veterans and shut-ins. The response was very good but once again the U.S.C.S. asks the aid of all who have any duplicate stamps, covers, and any other philatelic material which can be used by the veterans in hospitals and at home.

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COROS

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Many examples smaller than that can be found.

A number of collectors disdain to collect such small examples of their chosen topical but a good rule, followed by many, is that if the item (church, for example) is recognizable—if only under a glass—then it is worthy to be collected. In other words, if the designer and engraver have gone to the trouble and effort to engrave the image—no matter how small—so that it can be recognized, then it should be collected.

The second airmail issue of Denmark is a good example of this. Type A2, showing towers of Copenhagen, has in it the spires of three churches. The one to the extreme right, between the border of the stamp and the tablet of value, is the spire of Vor Frelser's Kirke (Church of Our Redeemer).

This spire is unique because there is a spiral staircase running around the outside of it leading to a statue of Christ on the top. The engraver could have engraved any sort of a spire here. It would have been easier and no one would have criticized if he had engraved a plain pointed spire. But a few extra hours work and the spiral staircase was tooled into place and is clearly visible on the stamp thus identifying this as the particular spire that it is.

Surely this can be added to a collection of churches, if only in honor of the skill of the engraver.

The foregoing leads us naturally

to the fly-speck specialist. We're all familiar with the collector who examines his stamps with a thirty power glass and is ever so delighted to find a wart on George Washington's nose in the 2nd stamp in the upper left pane of plate 19185 and that the third row of dots in the left spandrel on stamp 27 has only six dots instead of seven. Well, even this individual would not be lost in the field of Religion on Stamps. Imagine his delight when he discovers the Cathedral of Bermuda on type A15. (It's the building with the points on the corners of the tower.)

Or wait till his practiced eye falls on the angel on Honduras AP58. (It's in the dead center of the stamp.)

The collector who passed up stamps years ago in favor of covers and cancellations has a bounteous field awaiting him in religious cancellations. Other nations of the world who long ago realized the advantages of producing colorful stamps have also pioneered the way in producing pictorial cancellations in infinite variety to please the eye. (Of course they are seldom found on stamps because that would not please the stamp collectors.)

Germany, Austria, and Spain, have for years led the way in these pictorial cancellations. In recent years, Sweden, Switzerland, and the countries of South America have joined the parade. One can find as many sub-topics of religion (and other topics) as there are on stamps. Madonnas abound. Saints, crosses, and Christian symbolism are plentiful and churches are well represented.

There are non-pictorial cancellations, too. Canada has a nice bilingual "Observe Sunday" cancellation which reminds us of the second Commandment. U. S. slogan cancel collectors recently added a religious slogan to their collections: "Evanston Welcomes World Council of Churches". Some of them may remember the one from Manila: "XXXIII International Eucharistic Congress/Feb. 3-7, 1937, Manila, Philippines".

The collector of U. S. town marks has an open field. A member of COROS has a complete collection of U. S. town marks of names mentioned in the Bible. Mounted with the appropriate passage from the Bible alongside for reference, this makes a very interesting and unique showing of what can be done with a little initiative.

A collection of postal marking of the Holy Land itself could well be formed and connected with Biblical history to form a prize winning collection. Cancellations from such familiar towns as Bethlehem, Jericho, Nazareth, and Jerusalem, are available on current covers.

Most precancel enthusiasts have many religious stamps in their collections. If you have St. Louis, Mo., or St. Augustine, Fla., or any of the California "San's", you have them. And don't forget Corpus Christi, Texas, and La Crosse, Wis. Collections of these are not too hard to complete, though some items may be elusive.

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The collector who delights in a complete collection of one country has two low-cost potentials in the only two stamp issuing nations whose entire stamp production falls within the scope of religion on stamps—Israel and Vatican City. Every stamp issued by the Vatican has a religious connection. That goes without saying.

Many stamps of Israel have no religious connotation other than the word "Israel", but that is enough to bring the entire country's stamps into the religious stamp album. However, it should be pointed out that collections of these two countries can not be considered in the religious category unless they are especially written up to bring attention to the religious aspect.

Maximum card enthusiasts are already enjoying a combination of philatelic activities in the field of religion on stamps. The maximum card collector goes further than his stamp collecting brother. He must have not only the stamp but also a picture card of the design, or related item, and tied together with an appropriate cancellation. He has in his collection some of the most artistically beautiful of all philatelic items.

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cancellation—which may or may not be of a topical nature—is right at hand, close to the stamps and the card. He has the greatest amount of philatelic interest in the smallest space and his write-up can briefly tie in all three.

No topical collector should overlook maximum cards and no maximum card collector should overlook topicals and, of course, religion offers a wider field than many other topicals because religious cancellations are more prevalent than most other topical cancellations.

Postal stationery is a field which has been long neglected by collectors, topical and otherwise. Probably a good many postal stationery collectors are neglecting topicals, too. Each field could discover new possibilities in the other. Most of us are familiar with the 1895 St. Anthony set of Portugal. But how many know that there was also a postal card issued at the same time showing St. Anthony preaching to the fishes. It is a beautiful card and far from rare.

The scene is different and clearer than on the stamp. It sets itself off well on a page devoted to St. Anthony, or can well form the cornerstone of a collection of religion on postal stationery.

A Polish set of 1933 shows 32 scenes from the Life of Christ. Belgium's Orval Abbey—honored many times on beautiful stamps—will be found on a set of six postal cards issued in 1929.

Many religious edifices and saints which have been shown on stamps also appear on postal stationery. Likewise many saints will be found on postal stationery who have never been portrayed on a stamp. During the late twenties and early thirties Germany issued numerous sets of pictorial postal cards, many of which show churches and cathedrals not found on stamps.

Other countries—even Canada and Belgian Congo—have their own contributions in this same line. Indeed, a fertile field for the topical collector lies in postal stationery. It is only the lack of an up-to-date catalog of the material available that keeps postal stationery a mystery to the topicalist.

Local stamps and stamps of private posts are being collected more than ever, today. Serious philatelists have long studied these items and serious topicalists are not overlooking them either—as their promoters well know—and religion is far from being the topical least concerned with these.

The collector of mint U. S. stamps—he mustn't be left out! He who isn't interested in a stamp unless it's on blue paper bearing an internal revenue watermark with a Shermack perforation thrown in for good measure, will probably be surprised to learn that there is some religious connotation on over fifty U. S. stamps. For those who doubt this a complete checklist will be found on another page in this paper.

Although only two U. S. stamps have been issued with a definite religious motive, religion is still the largest topical group to be found on U. S. stamps, and includes such unexpected items as a Spanish Cardinal, a Catholic Saint, a Jewish Rabbi, and an oriental religious symbol.

Every type of philatelist can find allied activities in COROS. Only the perforation counter and the watermark soaker have been left out. But have they? For years Germany's stamps were watermarked with the world's oldest religious symbol—the swastika! Vatican's early stamps were watermarked with the keys of St. Peter.

And there's a story about the natives of Sudan refusing to use the early stamps of that country because they could vaguely detect the shape of a cross in the watermark (which Scott tells us is really a Lotus flower) and they thought the whole idea of postage stamps was just a plot by the tricky British to make them kiss the cross every time they licked a stamp. Anyway, true story or not, the watermark was changed to multiple crescent and a star a few years later. And even if Scott is right, the Lotus flower is religiously symbolic in several religions—Buddhism, for one.

By now it should be evident that the Collectors of Religion on Stamps are not confining themselves to a narrow field—all types of philatelic activity

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THREE MAJOR DIVISIONS

Even in a general sense we can make three major classes of plate block collectors.

1. The person who collects one (or a few) plate blocks, any number, any position.

2. The one who collects any matched plate number in all four positions.

3. The collector who attempts to obtain all plate numbers in all positions.

You can readily see the difference between these three types of collectors. Obviously number one is easiest and least costly to maintain. This collector will usually find little or no trouble keeping up his collection, whether he obtains his requirements either through the post office, or through a plate block dealer. In an average issue of 100 million stamps there are two million plate blocks printed. To obtain one (or a few) plate blocks of any number, any position, is very easy.

In the second category, it is a little bit harder, for to match a plate number in all four positions is more trouble. Here is where you begin to experience your first difficulty when attempting to match these plate blocks on your own. As many of you know, post offices don't exactly get commemorative postage stamps in sheets that are matched by numbers and positions. It is not often that you will find at a clerk's stamp window more than one position of the same plate number, much less four different positions of the same number.

There are also these important factors that enter into it, which determine the ease or difficulty you'll experience before you complete the matching of one plate number in all four positions. How many trips, and how often do you have to visit your post office? Do you eventually complete matching your plate number? Are they always, or usually, well centered? Are you able to obtain only the plate block of four, or are you obliged to buy full sheets? If you are obliged to buy full sheets, are you able to dispose the balance of the sheet, at face, or at a discount; with ease or with difficulty?

So, if and when you have a hard time, in one way or another, in completing one matched plate number with the post office, you may choose, perhaps, to trade with some other collector from a local stamp club, or by correspondence with some plate block collector out of town. In the absence of this medium you then turn to the man who specializes in your needs, the plate block stamp dealer. He doesn't wave a magic wand, or print up the plate blocks that he stocks. He usually obtains them at a premium. His cost is so much over face value, plus his time. On current and new issues, most of you know from experience the premium for one matched plate of the 3c issues rarely exceeds 50c and frequently less than that.

In the third instance we have the collector whose objective is to get all plate numbers and all positions of all new issues (most of the time it's the commemorative). Here is where we enter the most difficult phase in plate number collecting.

Not too many years ago the thought of this advanced stage was frightening, and it discouraged many would be collectors from entering this field. However, a little over ten years ago, a number of resourceful stamp dealers set out in earnest to dispel the myth about matched plate block sets being so difficult to obtain and maintain, regularly, and moreover, that this could also be accomplished without the penalty of prohibitive costs. It was a very pleasant and encouraging sight to observe the competition that arose among various dealers, all vying for the privilege of supplying collectors with plate block sets in all numbers and positions.

This was just the proper transfusion many collectors needed to give them the necessary spirit and confidence that they can now safely enter the field of plate number collecting in its most advanced stage. And this without fear in its regular maintenance, or the costs involved.

Here, the local post office provides little and limited usefulness. A number of trips to the post office may yield a number of plate blocks in different numbers and positions, depending on the size of the post office and the number of stamps it sells. It is seldom that you may be lucky enough to be supplied with all numbers and positions in this

manner.

If a stamp dealer has ten plate blocks of any given issue, he can supply ten different collectors who want just a plate block (one), any number, any position. This is for the collector in the first description. In the second example, where the collector needs one plate number in all four positions, the odds are very much against the dealer being able to supply all four positions of the same number unless he had a stock of 25 to 50 assorted position plate blocks.

In the last instance, where the specialist comes in for a complete matched set of all six plate numbers, in all 24 positions, it is possible for a dealer to have several hundred plate blocks in stock of just this one stamp and yet be unable to supply a full set. Furthermore this very same plate block specialist may order one plate block of a certain plate number, in a specific position, out of this set, and the dealer may not be able to supply this request even though he has hundreds of plate blocks in stock.

So we see the following: The first man does not care what the plate number or position may be, just so he has a plate block in his collection.

The third is interested in every number and in every position. Until he has all of them in his collection, the ones that he is missing interests him most. If, in the course of completing a set of 16 or 24 plate blocks, one certain plate number or position is missing, that particular one becomes most important. The longer it takes to find and obtain this missing plate block, the more elusive it becomes, the greater is the appraised value to this particular plate block in this number or position.

The above illustrations lead us back to the values of plate blocks

and how they can paradoxically have more than one value. Actually, if you can see it that way, a plate block can have three values.

1. A plate block—just as any plate block.

2. A plate block—as part of a matched plate number in four positions could command a slightly higher value.

3. A specific plate number, in a specific position, of a complete set, being so definitely pinpointed, would be hardest to find and to supply. As part of the complete set it should have, and usually does, the highest value of the examples.

Now, if I may show the same relationship with actual figures, these are all hypothetical figures, closely approaching issues that have been printed in the past, let us take a 3c commemorative, 50 to a sheet, of which 100 million stamps were printed, six plate numbers used.

Now then, this is what we have. Two million plate blocks—an enormous supply when just a single plate block is collected (any number, any position). One-half million matched sets of one plate number (any number) in four positions. 83,333 matched sets of all numbers, in all positions. There you have the comparative relationship and the limited availability of certain plate numbers in specific positions.

If the above, to this point, is all you can take at one time, you may skip reading the next paragraph, lest I drag you into too deep waters.

The figure, 83,333, should be qualified. Two plate numbers go to press at one time. Thus, with an issue of six plate numbers, the presses are set in motion on three different occasions, each time with two different plate numbers. In the above example the hypothetical figure also included the condition that at each press run with two new different plate numbers had a run of

exactly one-third of the total number of impressions. Actually, this rarely, if ever happens. Therefore the exact maximum number of complete sets, of all numbers and positions, is only as many as the total number of impressions made on the shortest press run of any two plate numbers.

For example, if on the above issue of 100 million stamps printed, where six plate numbers were used, if on one pair of plate numbers the shortest run was 25,000 impressions, then the maximum number of complete sets of plate blocks, all num-

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